Reviewer's report

Title: A prospective study of the impact of musculoskeletal pain and radiographic osteoarthritis on health related quality of life in community dwelling older people

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Reviewer: Svetlana Solovieva

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This is a very interesting study concerning the impact of osteoarthritis on quality of life. A longitudinal study design and availability of both radiographic changes at different body sites and self-reported symptoms allows for more sorrowful evaluation of the potential effect of OA on QoL. The manuscript is well written and could be accepted with revision.

Major Compulsory Revisions

I have only one concern related to the low response rate of baseline study (57%). Were any data available to compare participants and non-participants? The consequences of low participation rate should be properly discussed.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.