Reviewer's report

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I thank the authors for their response to the reviewer comments.

Materials and Methods

1. Regarding pain, did the author define subjects as having pain, when the subjects had pain at the during the examination? For example, when the subjects had pain 1 week before the examination, but not had pain at during the examination, were they subjects classified as those without pain? Furthermore Otherwise, were the subjects classified as those with having pain, even if they subjects experienced pain only once during their lifetime?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests