Reviewer's report

Title: Optimal functional outcome measures for assessing treatment for Dupuytren's Disease: a systematic review and recommendations for future practice

Version: 1 Date: 3 November 2012

Reviewer: Barbara Jemec

Reviewer's report:

This reads like a great first chapter for a thesis and therefore a tad long for a simple hand surgeon, and I suspect for many other.

The question posed is interesting but I find the article a curious mix: some of the tests are explained very carefully, whilst others are not at all (DASH vs sensation), some tests are even mentioned which have not been found in their literature review (p 21 and 2PD), but I am not sure why there doesn't seem to be a standardised way for going through their findings/tests.

The recommendations seem to recommend nearly all available tests there are, and mention a few more (COPM) which I am not sure they recommend or just mention.

This article is I suspect better reviewed by a hand therapist, and if the authors wish to publish in the surgical literature re-written, in a simpler and much shorter format.

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

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interests