Reviewer's report

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Comments to authors

The authors have made strenuous attempts to address the issues raised, and my view is that this is now a more focused paper, with a clear point in the introduction where the purpose of the paper in adding to knowledge is made clear.

I have only two comments:

1. The rewritten sections are at times unclear because of typographical mistakes, and problems of language and grammar - I am sure that there are people within the research team who can edit this carefully. This is important I think for the reputation of the researchers and the journal. (I apologise for this rather arrogant remark from someone who does not have to write articles in another language, but my justification is that the Scandinavians now set higher standards for the quality of English articles than the English themselves!).

2. The ending of the conclusion of the paper and its abstract is rather abrupt. I do feel it needs a few short sentences summarising the importance and relevance of the findings - for pain management, for public health or for resource allocation.