Reviewer's report

**Title:** Physical inactivity is associated with chronic musculoskeletal complaints 11 years later: Results from the Nord-Trondelag Health Study

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**Reviewer:** Susan Picavet

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The paper improved substantial.

1. There has been a shift from ‘PA at baseline in relation to chronic MSC at follow-up’ to ‘PA patterns over 11 years-period in relation to chronic MSC at follow-up’. This is a very interesting shift but I miss a discussion on the limitations of comparing the PA measurements at baseline and follow-up (because the measures were highly different) In addition I miss what was expected from these?

2. I miss an argument why chronic MSC was divided in chronic widespread pain and chronic non-widespread pain? I think it much more interesting to look at pain by anatomical site.

3. I miss a clear statement on what was already known and what does this paper add.

**Details**

- Some reference numbers in the discussion are not correct
- The phrase ‘occurrence’ of chronic MSC can be better replaced by ‘prevalence’ (chronic MSC usually does not ‘occur’ but is there often for a long time)

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

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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