Reviewer's report

Title: Comorbidity, Limitations in Activities and Pain in patients with osteoarthritis of the hip or knee

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Reviewer: Felix Angst

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Major compulsatory
The authors have substantially improved the article according to the reviewers' comments. The criticisms have well been discussed in the comments to the revision but many of them were not sufficiently addressed in the text of the article. Specifically:
Item 2, Drop out rate: Describe and discuss this issue in the limitations to the study.
Item 4, Inclusion of confounders as education level, BMI etc.: Discuss this lack in the limitations to the study.
Item 8, other musculoskeletal disorders as confounders: Describe and discuss this issue in the limitations to the study.

Minor essential
Some corrections listed in the comments differ to those made in the text.
Item 2: 784 insted of 775 patients.
Item 3: ... and 57.29 (sd=21.70) on the WOMAC pain: This part is lacking in the article’s text.

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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.