Reviewer’s report

Title: A prospective cohort study of the effect of different methods of drainage of the neuropathic bladder on the occurrence of symptomatic urinary infection, and adverse events related to the urinary drainage system in spinal cord injury patients: a research protocol

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until I see revised version

Dear Editor,

The submission is much improved from the original version. The authors have made great strides in focusing on pertinent sections that required bolstering.

I am concerned that, as yet, there is a lack of substantive comments surrounding the processes to be employed in data management and statistical analyses. The issues are central to the success of a pre-planned study and prevent the onset of research "creep".

If the authors supply these sections (and tweak a few minor typographical and grammatical errors), I would be happy to support the decision to proceed with publication.

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None declared.