Reviewer's report

Title: Health related quality of life 5 years after carpal tunnel release among patients with diabetes. A prospective study with matched controls.

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Reviewer: Mary Larkin

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- Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. My main reservation in reviewing this paper is the fact that the sample is a combined cohort of type 1 and type 2. The findings on QOL could be impacted greatly by other complications especially in type 1. It should be mentioned in the limitations and it would be very helpful to include information on complications (if known through data previously collected). If known, it would also be important to include in the analysis. If not known would like to see more on this in the discussion section.
  2. In the section describing the sample, you mention 5 year BMI and A1c. Do you have this info at BL? If so, would be helpful to include.
  3. A BL and 5 year demographic table would be helpful to include.
  4. The discussion could be improved by dividing it into paragraphs and more clearly describing how the SOC was associated with the SF36 5. Is there a table showing SOC results?

The author must respond to these before a decision on publication can be reached. For example, additional necessary experiments or controls, statistical mistakes, errors in interpretation.

- Minor Essential Revisions
  1. There are many minor improvements that could be made in word choice, context and sentence structure. I could provide my notes but think this will most likely be handled by the editorial team

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.