Reviewer's report

Title: Prediction of postoperative pain after radical prostatectomy

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Hence my review below, this is a solid paper, not terribly novel but useful I think and sound. I would suggest accept.

This is a well written careful study and the design and method is sound. The study aims were to assess predictors of higher pain after radical prostatectomy and assess within this the efficacy of epidural vs. intrathecal or systemic opioid analgesia in such men.

These types of studies have been done previously in other patient cohorts. In this sense the study is not novel. However, it adds to the literature with regards to the nursing care of men who receive radical prostatectomy and this is of value.