Reviewer's report

**Title:** Assessing the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of subcutaneous nerve stimulation in patients with predominant back pain due to failed back surgery syndrome (SubQStim study): Study protocol for a multicentre randomized controlled trial.

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**Reviewer:** Simon Thomson

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No further changes.
I do understand why you have had to continue to use the Medtronic branded term SubQ stimulation rather than the more generic Peripheral Nerve Field Stimulation (PNFS). Presumably this is to keep your sponsors happy!
Personally, I would have fought against that as it does play into the hands of cynics.
I do appreciate that in all other ways you remain independent of your sponsors.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests