Reviewer's report

Title: One-year follow-up of patients with long-lasting post-herpetic neuralgia.

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Pica and coworkers present a one year follow-up of zoster patients who suffer from postherpetic neuralgia. The authors need to address the following details before a decision can be made.

What does VAS mean, please clarify.

Need more details on the analysis of VZV DNA in blood samples. How often did they obtain blood samples? If they did it once, it is possible if not likely that the virus DNA may be digested. Did they analyze for multiple regions of the VZV genome?