Reviewer's report

Title: Comorbidities, Intensity, Frequency and Duration of Pain, Daily functioning and Health Care Seeking in Local, Regional, and Widespread Pain - a Descriptive Population-based Survey

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Reviewer: Andrew Kittelson

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Many thanks to the authors for their work on this manuscript through many revisions. Overall, I feel my comments have been addressed. I have provided some discretionary revisions, which the authors can review for themselves, as follows:

Line 67: “In cohorts of patients with chronic pain have been observed that such spreading…”
Suggest something like: “In cohorts of patients with chronic pain, it has been observed that such spreading…”

Line 81: “This way to assess do not take into consideration the anatomical distribution of the painful areas and may herby have limited validity in the clinical context.”
Suggest: “This method of assessment does not take into consideration the anatomical distribution of the painful areas and may therefore have limited validity in the clinical context.”

I recommend referencing the additional file (with example manikins) in the methods section (perhaps ~line 192), rather than results.

Line 393 should read: “Subjects with WSP also reported higher health care use related to pain in the last 12 months than 394 subjects with RP or LP.”

Line 416: “Spreading of pain has been linearly correlated to impaired function [69], pain duration, and 417 pain severity, symptoms very common in WSP.”
Suggest: “Spreading of pain has been linearly correlated to impaired function [69], pain duration, and 417 pain severity, which are all very common in WSP.”

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.
Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests