Reviewer's report

Title: Reducing the extent of facetectomy may decrease morbidity in failed back surgery syndrome

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Reviewer: Simon Tiziani

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Thank you for addressing my concerns regarding the manuscript on a point by point basis. I am happy with the responses and changes made by the authors regarding the content of the manuscript. However, insurmountable ethical problems with the study remain. The authors state in their reply to my concerns about the origin of the CT data that an author of the study was the source. Furthermore, that the author/subject was monetarily compensated for participating. The irreconcilable ethical conflict forces me to recommend the rejection of the submitted manuscript.

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