Author’s response to reviews

Title: Higher preoperative pain catastrophizing increases the risk of low patient reported satisfaction after carpal tunnel release: a prospective study

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Response to reviewer 1: Asbjørn Årøen. First of all, thank you for the comments.

1: Only verbal consent to the study.
1 Answer: The patients did not sign a participation letter. However, when the patients decide to participate in the study and hand in questionnaire, it serves as written consent by national law.

2: Although marked as a quality assessment. Why not registered in clinical trials, many journals request this today?
2 Answer: The study was reviewed by the local research ethics committee, and no specific approval was demanded due to it being a quality assurance study. We appreciate the suggestion, and will register future studies in clinical trials as it may be requested by the scientific journal. The study was further registered in The Danish Data Protection Agency. This is now added in the manuscript on page 7 at the very end of the methods section. "The study was registered in The Danish Data Protection Agency: jr. nr.: 2007-58-0010."

3: The manuscript need a review by a native English native to meet the standards of medical publishing.
3 Answer: The manuscript has been reviewed as suggested. This has not led to any changes in the content of the manuscript, but to changes in grammar, number- and tense agreement.

Response to reviewer 2: Andrea Pellegrini. We appreciate that you also find the subject interesting and actual - just as we do. Under other circumstances we also believe that the follow up should be longer than 12 months. But as this study examines the effect of surgery for CTS, the 12 months follow up is enough to measure the changes as this is a minor surgery with faster recovery than bigger surgeries.