Reviewer’s report

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

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Reviewer: Asbjørn Årøen

Reviewer's report:

Thanks for the opportunity to review this manuscript on a common problem in orthopedic surgery. The main message of the manuscript is that high preoperative pain score is a predictor for inferior results after release of the carpal tunnel. There are however, some issues that should be clarify:

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