**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Ethnic Differences in Patients' Perceptions towards Isolated Orthopaedic Injuries: a Pilot Study

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1. P values for continuous outcomes are reported in the abstract but not in the results.

   As currently written, the results reported in the abstract for continuous outcomes are confusing. For example, "Hispanic patients were found to have lower QPI indicating poorer outcomes than Non-Hispanic Whites (mean = 21.4, SD = 11.7 versus mean = 17.3, SD = 14.3; p=0.26)". Here, it is suggested that the QPI indicated poorer outcomes for hispanic patients, yet the result is not statistically significant (expected result likely due to lack of statistical power). Rather, in the results section, the authors elude to the presence or absence of trends in the results, which in the context of a pilot study is more appropriate.

   As recommended by one of the reviewers' it would be best to leave p values out, as they are likely to be misleading given the lack of statistical power of the study. However, I understand the authors' desire to keep the reporting for the manuscript consistent with the NIH grant submission. Nevertheless, the messaging of the results should accurately reflect the numerical data presented, and should also be reported in a consistent manner throughout the manuscript.

2. Please revise 'minimum important difference' to 'minimal important difference'

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