### **Reviewer 1:**

## **Specific Comments to Authors:**

This is a wonderful editorial. I wonder if you might gently add more discussion to this sentence: "However, we think that caudal epidural steroid injection is limited in that it cannot deliver injectates selectively to the lesion site" adding your perspective and recommendations about the previously mentioned and not thoroughly discussed "other injection procedures".

# Answer: I appreciate your comments. We explained above sentences on the main text in more detail.

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