

Table 2 Neuropathic Pain Symptom Inventory

Neuropathic Pain Symptom Inventory (NPSI)

Severity of the spontaneous pain

Q1. Does your pain feel like burning?

Q2. Does your pain feel like squeezing?

Q3. Does your pain feel like pressure?

Q4. During the past 24h, your spontaneous pain has been present:

permanently/8 to 12 h/4 to 7 h/1 to 3 h/ < 1h

Severity of the painful attacks

Q5. Does your pain feel like electric shocks?

Q6. Does your pain feel like stabbing?

Q7. In the past 24 h how many of these pain attacks have you had? >20h/11

to 20/ 6 to 10/ 1 to 5/ none

Severity of your provoked pains

Q8. Is your pain provoked or increased by brushing on the painful area?

Q9. Is your pain provoked or increased by pressure on the painful area?

Q10. Is your pain provoked or increased by contact with something cold on the painful area?

Severity of abnormal sensations

Q11. Do you feel pins and needles?

Q12. Do you feel tingling?

Total intensity score	Subscores	
1. Q1=	1. Burning (superficial) spontaneous pain:	1. Q1=
2. (Q2+Q3)=	2. Pressing (deep) spontaneous pain:	2. (Q2+Q3)/2=
3. (Q5+Q6)=	3. Paroxysmal pain:	3. (Q5+Q6)/2=
4. (Q8+Q9+Q10)=	4. Evoked pain:	4. (Q8+Q9+Q10)/3=
5. (Q11+Q12)=	5. Paresthesia/Dysesthesia:	5. (Q11+Q12)/2=
(1+2+3+4+5)= /100		

Select "0" if you have not felt such pain, or "10" if you have feel it the worst.