Pain Assessment tool for Neuropathic Pain

Diagnosing Neuropathic Pain - Questionnaire
Please choose one answer for each item in the 4 questions below.

Interview of the Patient

Question 1: Does the pain have one or more of the following characteristics?

1. Burning   Yes / No
2. Painful Cold   Yes / No
3. Electric Shocks   Yes / No

Question 2: Is the pain associated with one or more of the following symptoms in the same area?

4. Tingling   Yes / No
5. Pins and Needles   Yes / No
6. Numbness   Yes / No
7. Itching   Yes / No

Examination of the Patient

Question 3: Is the pain located in an area where the physical examination may reveal one or more of the following characteristics?

8. Hypoesthesia to touch   Yes / No
9. Hypoesthesia to prick   Yes / No

Question 4: In the painful area, can the pain be caused or increased by:

10. Brushing?   Yes / No

TO COLLATE:
Score 1 to each YES answer
Score 0 to each NO answer
If the score is 4 or higher then the pain is likely to be neuropathic pain.
If the score is less than 4 then the pain is less likely to be neuropathic pain.