Reviewer's report

Title: Cost effectiveness of epidural steroid injections to manage chronic lower back pain

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Reviewer: Sam Eldabe

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Major essential revisions
None

Minor essential revisions
It would be nice if the authors in their discussion could address the thorny issue of placebo effect. As the design does not allow the reader to judge the magnitude of the placebo effect and in view of the small effect size; it would be useful to include in the discussion a paragraph about the placebo effect as this is a thorny issue where ESI are concerned. Otherwise an excellent article

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

No competing interests