Reviewer’s report

Title: Study protocol: Brief Intervention for Medication Overuse Headache - A double-blinded cluster randomised parallel controlled trial in primary care

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This is a study protocol to evaluate the efficacy of Brief Intervention (BI) specifically designed for treatment of medication overuse headache (MOH) in primary care.

The study consisted in a double-blinded cluster randomized parallel controlled trial (RCT).

The BI involves the use of tools to the identified headache subjects “at risk” of medication overuse and a very short and simple intervention to give information suggesting to cut down the use of the particular substance to predecided “acceptable” levels. The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the effects of a BI versus business as usual (BAU) in the management of MOH in primary care.

The study is well designed and the article is well written.

Minor Essential Revisions
- Table 2: the X have to be re-aligned accordingly to the text

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests'