Reviewer’s report

Title: Mechanistic experimental pain assessment in computer users with and without chronic musculoskeletal pain

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This is an interesting paper which deserves publication in BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders. I have included some comments for improving the quality of the results section.

Authors should provide F and P values of all analysis conducted, since not statistical data is provided. For instance, they comment a trend to significance, but there are no P or F values. All these data should be included on each part of the results section. I presume that they have not included because there were no differences between both groups, but they should provide similarly than they did in the CPM section.

Since authors suggest at the end of the discussion that “pain from the muscle tissue may constitute a major peripheral pain generator in WMSD”, they can include a reference investigating trigger points in work related pain, Clin J Pain 2012 Jul;28(6):511-8.

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