Reviewer’s report

Title: Norepinephrine-evoked pain in Fibromyalgia. A Randomized Study.

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Level of interest: A paper of limited interest

Advice on publication: Other (see below)

Issues to consider:

1. Are the conclusions drawn adequately supported by the data shown: if not, what are the shortcomings and could they be overcome?

The fact that this is a pilot study should be highlighted earlier in the manuscript perhaps in the title. The authors have not explained why they have chosen to use a non-parametric method. Is the data (VAS) non-normal? If this is a matched study then the appropriate statistical test should be used, for example for binary variable, use conditional logistic regression. The authors have not controlled for the effect of baseline measurements in their analysis, from table 1 we see that there are significant baseline differences between groups. Was heart rate measured? as the authors mention that previous studies have shown significant increase in heart rate - perhaps this needs to be controlled for.

2. Are sufficient details provided to allow replication of the work or comparison with related analyses: if not, what is missing? YES but the statistical test may not be appropriate.

3. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition: if not, in what ways? YES, the tables and graphs are adequate

4. Is the writing acceptable? I found the definition of: NE - evoked pain was defined as pain elicited by NE>placebo - confusing. The authors need to explain if the pain is localised

Competing interests:

None declared.