Reviewer's report

Title: Efficacy and adverse effects of intravenous lignocaine therapy in fibromyalgia syndrome

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First, about adding some newer references. I actually did not mean that the references already made should be let out. Concerning reference 5 for instance; the former reference 5 (Goldenberg) is now let out. This reference is actually the only reference concerning NSAIDS and should in my opinion not be let out. The new reference 5 yields anti-depressants and should be added together with reference 7 as reference 8. I also believe McCains reference (former 10) to still be let in, as this is the first study made in addition. The mentioned references 59-65 in Drugs 2002:62(4):577-592 are the following references:


I do not suggest to site them all, but perhaps chose one or two of the newest to add along with the reference to McCain.
The second comment is about the chapter Methods and Patients. I find the chapter clearer now, but perhaps some more subtitles could be used? Fourth paragraph is about pain measuring, and the headline could simply be pain measuring. The next paragraph could perhaps be called something like "Measurement of depression, coping ability and dependency."

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