Reviewer’s report

Title: Comparison of the analgesic effects of a heat patch containing an iron chip with ibuprofen in primary dysmenorrhea: a randomized controlled trial

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Unfortunately, the authors have not provided the convincing responses.

1. The precise explanation of the method of sampling has not been added to the revised manuscript.
2. What is the rationale that the mean total pain rating, instead of that of each time point, was compared? The authors should show the pain rating of each time point and compare it.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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'