Reviewer’s report

Title: The identification of patients with the clinical diagnosis of fibromyalgia using a multiplex cytokine assay

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major compulsory revisions

The study is interesting, the intention is good and the results may add new information to the body of literature.

But I have some questions due to the methods:

-When was the blood drawn? Were all blood samples drawn at the same day time?
-Were the blood samples assayed as dupicate?
-how long after the blood ebbing were the samples centrifuged? and were they kept on the ice?

-are there correlations between the results and any clinic parameters such as pain intensity, pain duration and comorbidity?

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests' below.