Reviewer’s report

Title: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial on the role of preemptive analgesia with acetaminophen [paracetamol] in reducing headache following electroconvulsive therapy [ECT]

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Work is important and deserves publication in some form.

More qualification is needed about use/effectiveness of ECT as therapy.

Page 8 line 12-33; p 10lines 15-17: Requires more explicit discussion of whether/how tested population has pre-treatment history of headache and possible exposure to acetaminophen to manage symptoms

Page 8 lines 41-43 Explanations needed. Why didn't acetaminophen usage have high outcome of reduced headache post ECT?

Page 10: challenges of self-reported headache pain. See Buchholz, Heal Your Headache

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