Reviewer's report

Title: THE PACE TRIAL OF TREATMENTS FOR CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME: A RESPONSE TO WILSHIRE ET AL

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Reviewer: Francesco Pagnini

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The authors have submitted an opinion paper that challenges the results of a re-analysis of the PACE data. I am aware of the importance of this debate, in the general field of psychology, and I believe that, rather than facing as a reviewer the content itself, the paper deserves publication as a part of the ongoing discussion. Therefore, I will not enter into the merit of the discussion (who I think is right on a certain raised point), as it seems that, from a certain perspective, a sort of post-publication peer review process is ongoing. However, as a reviewer, I would like to suggest the authors, in the attempt to stimulate a constructive dialogue, to re-read and revise the text, trying to tone down the emphasis on the defensive style. Moreover, I found a little bit confusing the section about the persistence of treatment effects, maybe it could be clarified a little.

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