

Review of: "Food Intolerance and Sensitivity Are Associated With Chronic Musculoskeletal Pain in a Self-Selected Community Population"

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An interesting article, worth to publish.

Some recommendations to author:

In the method session

1. those that participate in the study will get incentive and research credit, this will lead to selection bias!
2. for the food related symptoms, the author use a newly designed questionnaire. Is there any validation study on this questionnaire?
3. concerning the food preference questionnaire:
 - i. foods you avoid- since it is a free text entry, how do the author classify the different types of food entered
 - ii. similarly for allergy and intolerance question, how to classify the types of allergic and intolerance symptoms

Results session

1. How to interpret the correlation matrix of food sensitivity, allergy, intolerance with fibromyalgia, RAADS-R, Beighton.
Seems that only Beighton is not correlated with food sensitivity only. Any explanation for this? Please try to elaborate this in the discussion part.
2. regression and variance: please show in table for more easy reference
3. figure 1: how to come up with this plot?

Discussion

1. first paragraph, last sentence: this ass is much stronger for the autonomic component SSS than for WPI. But this score were not shown in the result part!
2. since many food are related to fibromyalgia as discussed, it is suggested to include your findings of different types of food allergy in your questionnaire to compare and contrast with previous studies.

