

Reviewer's report

Title: Effect of the ethinylestradiol/norelgestromin contraceptive patch on body composition. Results of bioelectrical impedance analysis in a population of Italian women.

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. As Authors consider in the Discussion, last paragraph, an important limitation is the lack of a control group. The comparison with previous contraception method at entry is an acceptable surrogate.
2. In the Discussion, on page 10, line 3 on, more information should be provided about the usefulness of Vector BIA in establishing the nature of the body weight change.
3. Since Vector BIA resulted sensitive to a little fluid increase, and since it is difficult to discriminate between perception of and true body fluid increase, Authors should recommend the monitoring of tissue hydration with Vector BIA during hormonal contraception.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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