Reviewer's report

Title: U.S. Healthcare Providers' Knowledge, Attitudes, and Beliefs Concerning Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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This study tries to investigate the knowledge, attitudes, beliefs and perceptions concerning CFS by healthcare providers in the USA. Although the methodology is impressive and results are interesting, I have some questions about the authors' use of the factor 'perceptions':

- Why isn't this factor mentioned in the title of the manuscript?
- What are the authors' arguments for considering the statement 'most people with CFS were competitive and driven before they got sick' as indicating 'poor perception of CFS'? I would advise in this respect that the authors would take a closer look at the literature, eg. Harvey et al, Psychosom Med 2008; Van Campen et al, Psychosomatics 2009; Fukuda et al, Compr Psychiatry 2010.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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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