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As before, the reviewer's comments were excellent, leading one to wonder why we missed these issues while drafting the manuscript. We have revised the manuscript to address the latest comments raised by the reviewer.

1) There is still no mention of the fact the both CFS subjects and controls show moderately impaired sleep quality... We expanded upon the first concept under limitations of the study (Discussion) to cover this.

2) An alternative interpretation to the implication of this paper ... is that those with CFS are more accurate in their perception of sleep... Our penultimate sentence in the first paragraph of Discussion now notes this.

3) There is still the collection of medication data... and there is no commentary on what is accomplished by including these data.... Most studies on sleep in persons with CFS simply ignore concurrent medication use and we believe this is important to note. We have added a sentence noting this.