Reviewer's report

**Title:** Which aspects of health differ between working and nonworking women with fibromyalgia? - A cross-sectional study of work status and health

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**Reviewer:** Emma Guymer

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Thank you for the opportunity to review your manuscript. I have some suggestions for your consideration.

**Minor essential revisions:**

1. Page 4, line 19.
   Please define the abbreviation CWP

2. Page 5, line 8.
   Please clarify the statement "women who were unemployed in terms of being available for work" - Were these women who were willing and able to work, but had not been able to find an employment position for other reasons?

3. Page 5, line 11.
   Please explain "part-time" in terms of how many days or hours per week worked.

   Please define "ICF"

5. Page 8, line 19.
   Please consider adding "mean" to the phrase describing tender point count and pain threshold if that is what the values represent.

**Discretionary Revisions:**

1. Do you have any comment or theory as to why non-working subjects had a higher level of self-reported limitation to their physical function than working subjects, although there was no difference between these groups when measured with objective tests of physical capacity?

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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.