Reviewer’s report

Title: Interference with work in fibromyalgia - effect of treatment with pregabalin and relation to pain response

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Methods, fourth paragraph:
"American College of Rheumatology diagnostic criteria for fibromyalgia" - These criteria should be stated as "American College of Rheumatology classification criteria" and referenced as the 1990 classification criteria, to distinguish them from the newer ACR 2010 diagnostic criteria which have more recently been published.

Discretionary Revisions

1. Results, Other questions about interference with work, first paragraph:
What about analyses of pain state / improvement response groups - were there also similar results?

2. Discussion, fifth paragraph:
"and that pain outcomes can predict outcomes in other domains of life" - do these data show that pain outcomes can predict other outcomes, or merely that they are linked?

3. Figures 1 and 2:
The responder category labels are a little confusing - it may be clearer to use the same labels you have used in the text, ie. "non-responder" "state-responder" "improvement-responder" and "double-responder"

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 was involved in medical assessment of several subjects enrolled in trial A0081100 / NCT00333866 - some data from this study are included in the
analyses for this paper.
I have served as an advisory board consultant for Pfizer.