Author's response to reviews

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We have reviewed the manuscript format and made several changes to improve its adherence to BMC style. The authors are now reference with superscript arabic numerals and a list of abbreviations has been added.

The first reviewer made no suggestions for major or minor revisions.

The manuscript has been revised in response to the second reviewer's comment that the discussion was too superficial (meager) and that the stronger association between fibromyalgia and impaired occupational functioning deserved more emphasis. A new paragraph drawing attention to this result has been added to the discussion section.

The other comment refers to a failure to find a higher prevalence of fibromyalgia in men - but the review cited in the manuscript, as well as all other reviews that we can find support a higher prevalence of fibromyalgia in women. The comment may have a typographical error or may refer to a general lack of clarity about the issue in the manuscript. The text referring to Table 1 has been clarified to indicate that the study found the expected increased prevalence of fibromyalgia in women.