Reviewer's report

Title: Major Depression, Fibromyalgia and Labour Force Participation: A Population-based Cross-sectional Study

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General

Well-designed and well-written manuscript describing an epidemiological study about a controversial syndrome in its relation to depression and disability. The major strength of the study is that it has been carried out in the population. The major weakness is the rather 'meager' discussion of findings.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

-In this study the proportion of men and women patients is equal, while it is generally accepted that FM is far more prevalent in men than in women. Quid?
- One of the interesting findings is that FM patients are more disabled than depressed patients, shouldn't this finding merit some comment?

What next?: Accept after discretionary revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests