Reviewer’s report

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

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General
Fibromyalgia and major depression is an important research topic, but very little is known about relationship between co-morbid depression and fibromyalgia and work disability. This is an interesting study demonstrating that major depression and fibromyalgia frequently co-occur and, when they do, both syndromes appear to contribute to a reduced frequency of labour force participation.

The advantage of this population-based and cross-sectional study is that the sample size is too high although both the major depression measure (CIDI-SFMD) and the self-report of fibromyalgia may be subject to error.

A very useful addition to the knowledge base in a contentious area of debate.

Thank you for asking me to read it.

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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)

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What next?: Accept without revision

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