Reviewer's report

Title: Continuing Medical Education Challenges in Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Overall, a well written and succinct paper. The findings from the study have important implications for the field of CME and specifically for CME providers and organizations interested in expanding the promotion and uptake of CME educational materials and programs.

The purpose of the study discussed in the paper could be described more clearly and specifically in the introduction section of the paper. The authors discuss chronic fatigue syndrome and provide some background on CME, however there is no specific discussion of concepts pertaining to the actual research purpose and data collected in the study, and this only becomes clear under Methods through a section on Outcome Measures. It would seem that some of the information under the Outcomes Measures section needs to be repeated in the Introduction section and discussed in connection with the research objectives for the study. It would also seem that some discussion in the Introduction section related to CME program promotional concepts would help to relate the significance of the study to the field of CME. The paper could also be improved by adding an "implications" discussion in the Discussion section which discusses the implications of the key study findings for CME practice, promotional strategies for CME programs, and CME delivery methods.

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'