Reviewer's report

Title: Barriers to Healthcare Utilization in Fatiguing Illness: A Population-Based Study in Georgia

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This is a well-designed and well-written study pointing to the high frequency of reported barriers to health care use in people with CFS. The study has major relevance to clinical practice and health care policy. However, in view of an international public of readers, the authors should acknowledge the specific socio-political and cultural context in which their results should be interpreted. In this regard, it would be interesting to replicate this study in people with CFS living in countries with a different health care system (e.g. involving compulsory health care insurance).

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 declare that I have no competing interests