Reviewer’s report

Title: Work-family conflicts and self-reported work ability: Cross-sectional findings in women with chronic musculoskeletal disorders

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Major Revisions

1. This study sheds light on a topic not much investigated: based on methodologic limitations of cross-sectional studies, the authors make a correct and careful explanation. However, the authors did not provide more operational perspectives for future studies, based on the sound of their findings – I believe that conclusions should always contain operational recommendations. The recognition of associated factors is very important for the development of prospective studies, and the authors can explore further this issue.

2. I suggest that the authors formulate an new presentation of Table 1, as supplementary material. Much of their communication is in German, and, apart from the beauty of this language, it can not be of interest to those who do not dominate. In my opinion, a more careful detailing of the topics and the reason why the questionnaire was used would be more interesting.

3. Tables and figures should be reviewed. They are clear, but contain problems in the presentation (with text cut in the legends, or lack of titles).

Minor Revisions

1. The minor revisions are outlined in the attached document.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.