

Reviewer's report

Title: An internet survey of 2,596 people with the fibromyalgia

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General

This paper is a well-written article dealing with demographic information about patients suffering from fibromyalgia in United States representing each state. The work has been done in collaboration with the American patient organization for fibromyalgia (NFA).

The questions posed in this study are well defined and the methods appropriate and well described. In that particular type of surveys, however, you are not able to elucidate how many people who have received the questionnaire. Nevertheless a substantial amount of answers have been available for data processing.

With all the problems linked with a survey study the data seem to be well reported and this is also the case for the discussion and the conclusion as well.

This publication gives us a picture of patients with fibromyalgia not very much changed from the knowledge we already have in this field.

Therefore this paper is recommended for publication.

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

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