

## **Reviewer's report**

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

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The report presents an overview of fibromyalgia (FM) in the United States in 2005. An internet survey appeared to be an excellent tool to collect data as >2,500 responses were received just in 3 days.

The paper is clear and well written. Limitations of the study are recognized and presented.

The paper inspires further discussions including following:

- (1) Wider use of Internet surveys in other conditions – or whether an interest in responding a survey is characteristic for FM?
- (2) FM appears a mental disorder with musculoskeletal symptoms – which is the appropriate specialty to take care of these patients?
- (3) The most effective modalities to treat this condition may be still lacking.

**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.