

Review of: "The Concept of ME/CFS"

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Dear Jonathan,

I have read the commentary "The Concept of ME/CFS" with great interest, and I am happy to congratulate you on this focused and pointed article. A good comment provides both a general overview of the current concept of a disease as well as a personal opinion, and your comment meets this challenge! While some opinions are certainly debatable, I see no obstacles to publishing the manuscript. Rather, it is an invitation to discuss the best concepts and terminology and their use in clinical practice and research. It may well be that the needs differ and that the use of a certain term in clinical care is advantageous, while the use of a similar 'umbrella term' may stand in the way of a pathophysiological understanding in clinical research. This option could be given some more space in the text to allow the other side to have its say. Otherwise, however, I am curious to see how the article will be received by the dedicated community and how it will contribute to the collegial discussion.

Best, Thomas