

# Considerations of Assessment of Long Term Pain and Function

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# Not very

- If we use actigraphy as the current gold standard for measuring activity or function in real life settings . . .
  - There is a consistently poor relationship ( $r = 0 - .40$ ) between average activity levels and measures of functional status or activity.<sup>1-4</sup>
  - There is a strong trend towards these relationships being stronger (albeit still rather weak) when the objective measure is compared to *activity* measures vs. *functional status* measures.

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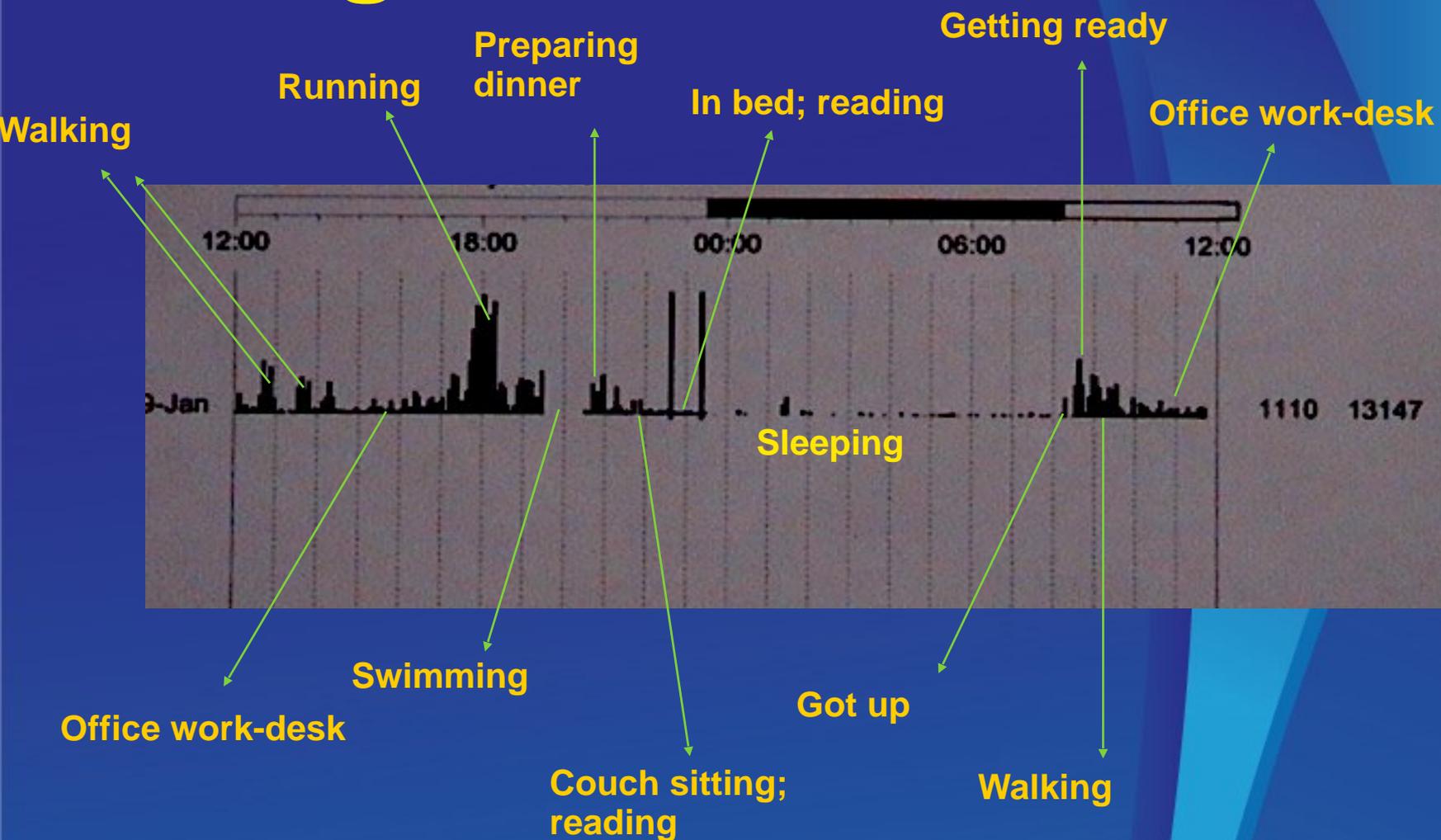
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# Relationship between symptoms, self-reported, and objective measures of activity, in fibromyalgia

- Patients with FM have amongst the lowest self-reported functional status of any chronic illness
- This parameter has been very difficult to improve in interventional studies
- How is self-reported activity related to:
  - Objective measures of activity
  - Specific symptoms

# Actogram I



# Results – Objective Activity

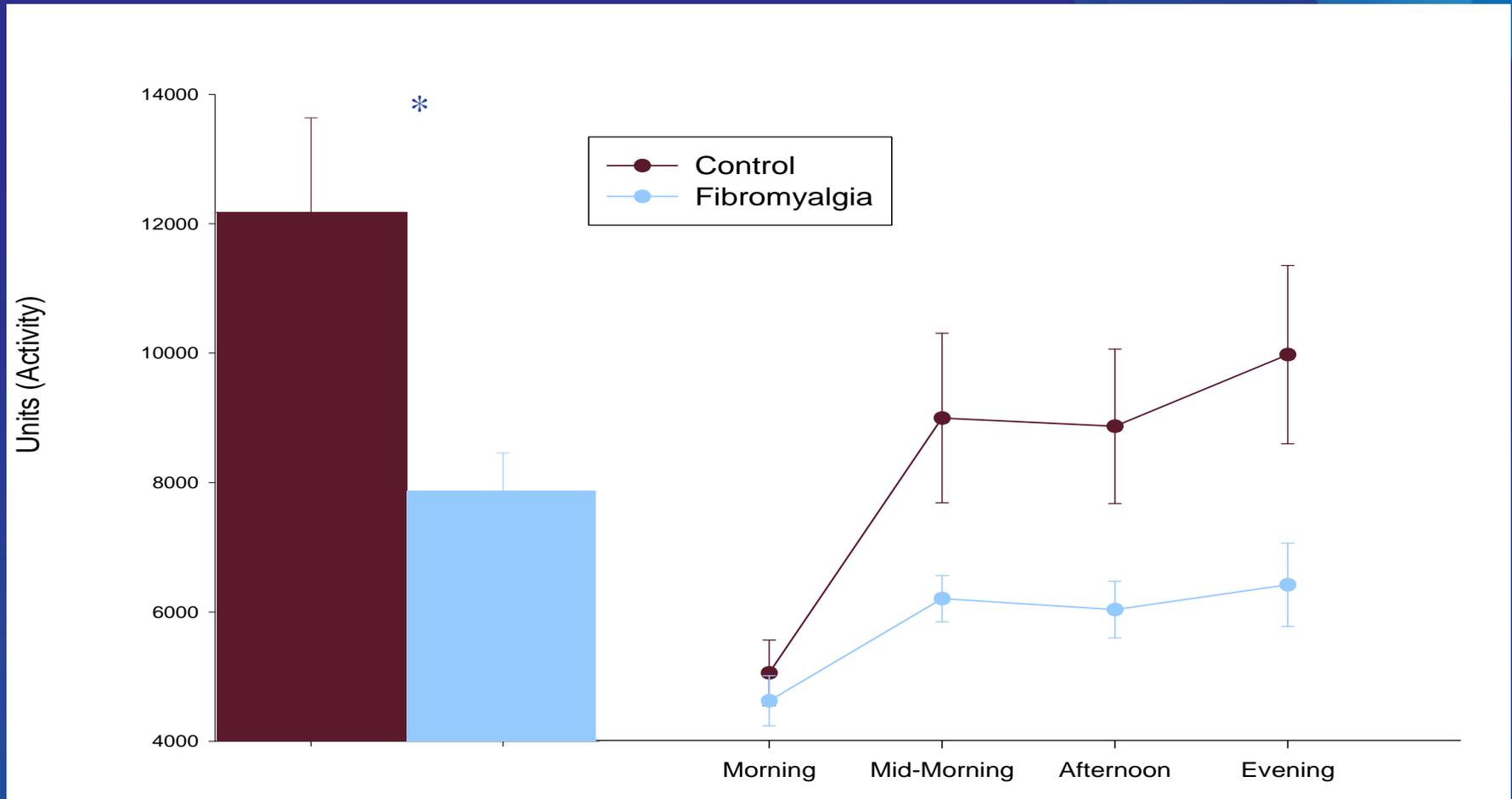
- *Average* daytime and nighttime activity levels were nearly identical in the patient and the control groups ( $p=ns$ ).

	Daytime	Nighttime	PCS
Patients	1456±429	147±156	<b>36</b>
Controls	1445±556	152±107	<b>56</b>

# Peak Activity

- *Peak* activity was significantly lower in the FM patient group relative to the control group ( $p=0.008$ ).
  - $7870 \pm 3223$  vs.  $12178 \pm 7862$  activity units
- *Variability* of peak activity was also significantly different between groups
  - Levene's test on SDs,  $p=0.001$

# Average and Diurnal Peak Activity Levels of Fibromyalgia Compared to Controls



\* $p < 0.05$ ; Error Bars=SEM

## Assessment of Pain and Activity in a Placebo-Controlled Crossover Trial of Celecoxib in Osteoarthritis of the Knee

- RCT in OA (n=47) to examine how to better differentiate active treatment from placebo
- The WOMAC pain subscale was the most responsive of all five pain measures.
- Pain–activity composites resulted in a statistically significant difference between celecoxib and placebo but were not more responsive than pain measures alone. However, a composite responder defined as having 20% improvement in pain or 10% improvement in activity yielded much larger differences

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- The most responsive actigraphy measure was peak activity, with a between-group difference of 91.9 counts/min ( $P = 0.090$ ); mean activity and total activity did not approach statistical significance.
- Actigraphy was more responsive than the WOMAC function scale, possibly due to lower placebo responsiveness.

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# Self-report vs. Objective Measures of Other Domains

## ■ Sleep

- Correlation between multiple PSG measures and multiple self-report measures in sleep apnea patients ranges from  $r = .01-.24$ , mean  $r = .09$ .<sup>1</sup>
- Correlations between self-report and PSG measures in insomnia  $r = .05 - .36$ .<sup>2</sup>

## ■ Memory/cognition

- Very poor relationship between subjective measures and objective performance based measures in both healthy individuals, and individuals with mild TBI, but there is a modest relationship between subjective measures and mood measures.<sup>3,4</sup>

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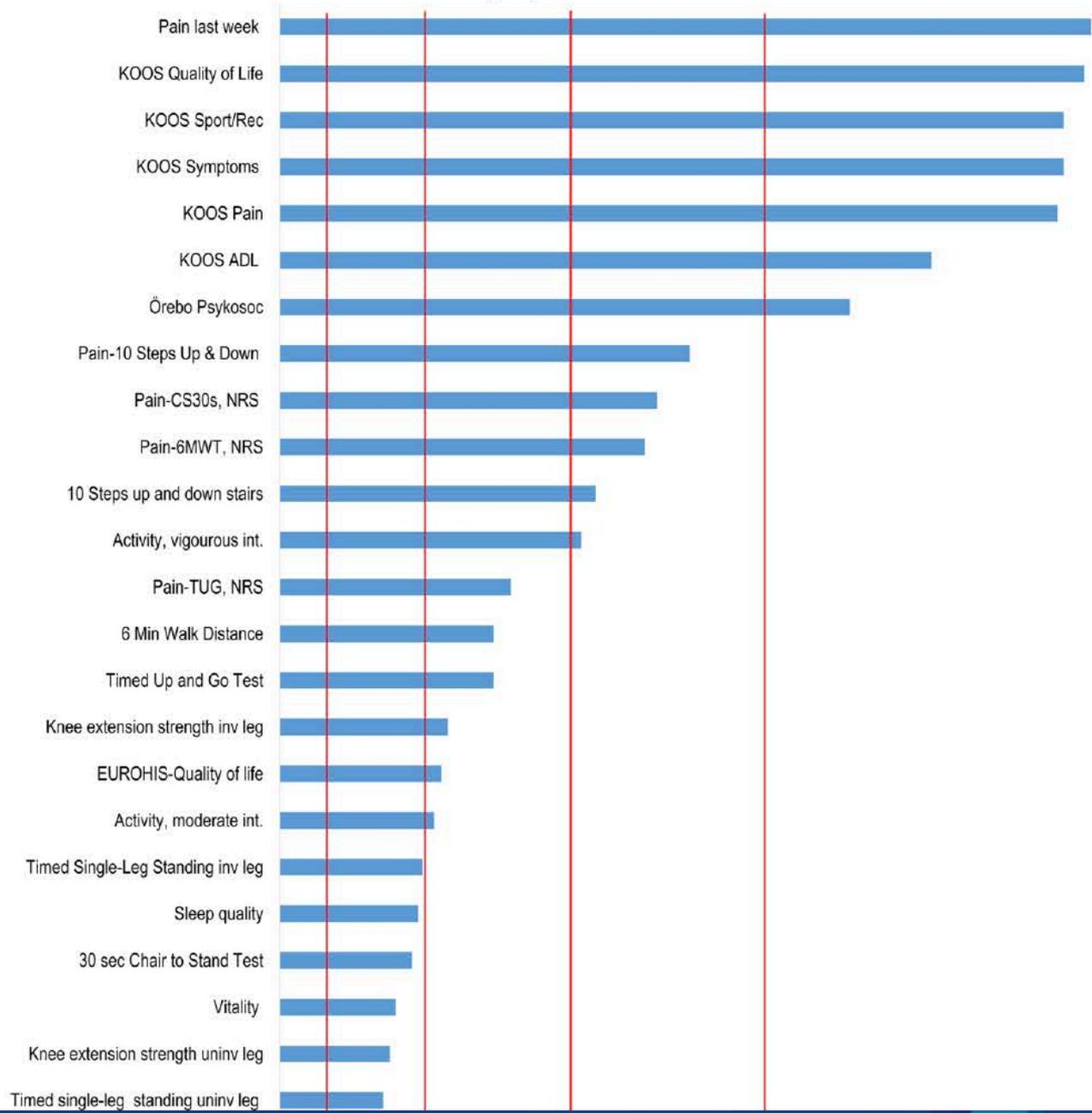
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# Relative difference among 27 functional measures in patients with knee osteoarthritis: an exploratory cross-sectional case-control study



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Functional measures with KOA  
 Ranked between-group effect sizes in cases and controls



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