“Based on comparison with published data using the same functional disability measure (Short-Form 36) among patients with other chronic diseases, the 23 CLD [chronic lyme disease] patients in this study were more functionally disabled than patients with congestive heart failure, hypertension, type 1 diabetes mellitus, and major depression.\cite{40,41} The energy/fatigue and freedom from pain scores among the Lyme patients were 2-3 times worse than the published scores among patients with the latter diseases. Role limitations because of physical health were particularly severe for the Lyme patients, with scores 4-8 times worse than patients with these other diseases. These results underscore the seriousness of CLD and the profound impact it has on patients' lives.”

The above is an excerpt from the Discussion section of the following research paper:

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