Reviewer's report

Title: Back and neck pain are related to mental health problems in adolescence

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Reviewer: Ola O Leijon

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for a very interesting and important study. I really enjoyed reading the clear and well-written manuscript, and I am very impressed by your study and work. However, I have some minor comment on the manuscript.

Major Compulsory Revisions
1. None

Minor Essential Revisions
2. In the background (1st para) the authors write that the point-prevalence of mental health disorders in Australia and the US is 11-12 percent. Is it possible in this study to estimate the point-prevalence of mental health problems in this study population? Similar? Different?

3. Throughout the manuscript the words gender and sex are used as synonyms. I do not agree that they are, and would prefer the word sex. The study do not discuss gender differences but sex differences.

Discretionary Revisions
4. heading of table 2: I suggest ... Multinominal Odds ratios (MOR) are presented...

Best Wishes,
Ola Leijon

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.