Reviewer's report

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Reviewer: Wei Bao

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The responses to my comments are appropriate and satisfactory. I particularly appreciate the authors' efforts in re-analyzing the data as requested. I would suggest including a discussion of the lack of consensus for the definition of back pain and recovery from back pain in the Discussion section. The explanations in the authors' response to my comments should suffice.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests