Reviewer’s report

**Title:** Depression and Anxiety as major determinants of neck pain: a cross-sectional study in general practice

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**Reviewer:** Swenne van den Heuvel

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Most comments have been dealt satisfactory. However, one major issue still remains. The study mentions two objectives, (1) to identify factors that might interfere with neck pain, and (2) to recommend selection criteria for neck pain therapy. Although the phrasing of the second objective has been changed, my point is still the same: the design is not fit to determine selection criteria or to determine what therapy is the most proper in patients with high NPAD scores. My suggestion would be to limit the article to the first objective.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests