Title: Low back pain in military recruits in relation to social background and previous low back pain. A cross-sectional and prospective observational survey.

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Author’s response to reviews: see over
Re: Low back pain in military recruits in relation to social background and previous low back pain. 
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Thank you for yet another thorough review of our paper. We have addressed the points you raised, hopefully to your satisfaction. 
Upon re-reading the paper, we discovered the need for some litterary improvements. These are underlined in the text for your information, but have no bearing on the contents. This (underlining and crossing-over) does make the paper a bit confusing to read – sorry.

Minor essential revisions:

1. This has been clarified on page 7 under “cross-sectional analysis”.

2. The outcome has been dichotomized into more or less than 30 days (long-lasting LBP) for the analyses. This is based on number of days with LBP. Besides, the severity of baseline LBP might be of interest when comparing responders to non-responders, as we write in the discussion.

3. This has been changed on page 6 in the “variables”-section.

4. This is further explained on page 10 under “cross-sectional analysis”

5. An explanation has been added on page 7, 1st paragraph.

We hope this satisfies your queries – we are glad these points were raised and clarified.