We are sorry for the delay in producing the revision of the manuscript. The main reason was a re-analysis of the first-order factorial structure of the CPCI (see below).

Here are the modifications carried out following the categories of revisions.

Major compulsory revisions

We have now integrated Dr. Tan's recent study of the CPCI in the introduction of the manuscript (p. 4)

In its report, Dr. Tan questioned the use of multiple CFA instead of an omnibus CFA, like the one he performed in his own study. Dr. Tan asked to address this issue in the manuscript. We carried Dr. Tan suggestion further by performing one CFA to test the overall structure of the CPCI. We now present this analysis in place of the individual scales factor analyses. We had some hesitation about the power of such an analysis but we combined both samples (N=827) to obtain a more robust estimation of the factorial structure. The manuscript now contains our evaluation of the adequacy of the omnibus CFA.

Minor essential revisions

Definition of an episode / history of the patient: in the paper, we have now specified that an episode of low back pain in the Quebec sample signifies a compensated (added in p. 5) episode since our sample was recruited through the public insurer. Therefore, any other type of musculoskeletal pain not compensated is possible in our participants.

Explanation of the exclusion criteria: the results presented in this paper are part of a larger study on the determinants of chronic disability due to non-specific low back pain (added in p. 5). This is why pregnancy, back surgery and severe spine pathology were exclusion criteria and not because we thought they were related to coping.

Dr. Tan is worried about the participation rate. A detailed calculation of participation rates is now provided in the participants section.

Dr. Tan was concerned with the apparent low income of our sample. In the participants section, we have added the mean income of Quebecois in 2002 (≈ Can $ 29 000) to show that our sample is representative of Quebecois workers.

Editing errors identified by Dr. Tan were corrected.

Table 1 has been separated into two tables (1 and 2).

Aside from the compulsory and essential revisions, we made the following modifications:
We have re-titled the paper *The Chronic Pain Coping Inventory: confirmatory factor analysis of the French version* to emphasize the core of the paper, i.e. the factor analyses instead of the translation.

Table 3 presents the new CFA performed. Table 5 (2nd-order CFA) is now Table 4.

The Method and Results sections were rearranged and an "analysis" subsection was added for clarity.

We thank Dr. Tan for his comments.

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