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Title: Prevalence of and risk factors for different measures of low back pain among female nursing aides in Taiwanese nursing homes

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Dear Dr. Saltman:

We are submitting this paper entitled "Prevalence of and risk factors for different measures of low back pain among female nursing aides in Taiwanese nursing homes" to BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders for your review and consideration for publication. This study aims to realize the LBP problem among nursing aides in Taiwan and most importantly to distinguish the risk factors for various outcome measures of LBP, which has been vaguely defined. In addition, this study assessed physical activities and load for each individual subject by using on-site observation, which may have largely reduce the potential bias resulting from self-reporting. Given its methodological strength, we think this manuscript will be of interest to the readers of BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders.

The authors approve the submission of this manuscript. Each author has made an important scientific contribution to the study and has assisted with the drafting or revising of the manuscript. We also confirm that neither the manuscript nor any part of it has been published or is under consideration for publication elsewhere. We also indicate that we do not have any conflict of interest in this study.

Sincerely yours,

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