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**Reviewer**: Elias Diarbakerli

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The authors have done a good job explaining data and previous questions. I would suggest to add a sentence in the limitations section about the fact that general Health and other spinal pathologies were not asked for and also a few sentences about the possible role of mental Health in back pain.

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