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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The manuscript is of interest. However, there are few points the authors should consider: (1).Number of British Pts=29, rather small. (2) The authors should commend on quationnaire No 1.9 and 3.1. Question No 1.9. I pay attention to doctor's diagnosis 42% by greek PTs 97% by british PTs, and No 3.1 diagnosis is a doctor's privilege. Answer by Greek PTs 91% by British PTs 17%. While British PTs have consistency in their answers, Greek PTs not. (3). The authors should avoid long sentences. Some sentences also require rephrasing. (4) Refs No 24, 61, are incomplete (5) In abstract: 42.6% of Greek PTs; in the Procedure: the likert scale: -neither agree nor disagree-



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors In this manuscript, the authors conducted a cross-cultural survey to observe current diagnostic practice and attitudes of Greek and UK physiotherapists (PTs) on assessing low back pain (LBP) patients. Author’s conclusions were that although similarities on history taking methods were detected across both Greek and UK groups, gross differences were found in re-assessment procedures and diagnostic issues between Greek and British physiotherapists. This topic is small, but informative one for those who are involved in this area. However some points should be supplemented or discussed.

1. You would be better to report the reason why you reported the results of two countries but not other countries. Why UK than others?
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analysis. 4. In your Discussion section in page 11-15, please add what are merits of your research or what is limitation of yours. 5. Conclusions in page 15-16. - Conclusions seemed little a bit lengthy even repetition of results and discussion. Thank you.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

There is some interest in the manuscript. I think that its significance in the culture exceeds that in the science. Throughout the full text, there are a lot of grammar and syntax errors which need to be revised by authors.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The following comments are intended for the benefit of the authors in revising their manuscript: Lines should be inserted in the manuscript Abstract: In the abstract there is a brief explanation of the content of the manuscript giving an informative overview. Main text: analysis of the current concepts on low back pain Methods: Good methodology. The authors explain explicitly the sample group as well as the procedure followed by the authors and the data analysis Results: Good presentation and analysis of the results in both countries (Greece and UK) Discussion: In the discussion field there is well presented juxtaposition between the results of the specific study and other similar studies. A little more emphasis should be given in the limitations of the study. Conclusion: The conclusion gives shortly the main idea of the study focusing on the differences noticed between the two countries. In general, this is a well-presented study on the low back pain physiotherapy and it provides useful information to the readers.