Introduction
In some chronic pain conditions body-perception has been investigated using self-report questionnaires. There is currently no questionnaire for assessing body-perception in people with CLBP. We aimed to develop a back-specific body-perception questionnaire and examine the psychometrics of this new scale.

Methods
Based on available evidence a back-specific body-perception questionnaire was developed. Fifty-one people with CLBP and an equal number of healthy controls completed the questionnaire; a subset of the patient population completed the questionnaire again one-week later. Scale-consistency and test-retest reliability were investigated on the patient sample. Validity was investigated by comparing responses between patients and controls as well as exploring the relationship between the questionnaire and important clinical characteristics.

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Results
All but one of the patients endorsed items on the questionnaire, which suggests that distorted body-perception may exist in this population. The internal-consistency (Cronbach's α 0.77) and test-retest reliability (ICC2,1 0.667) of the scale appear acceptable.

The discriminative validity of the questionnaire is supported by the marked differences in the questionnaire responses between patients (median=11) and healthy controls (median=0) and the construct validity by the significant association between the questionnaire score and important clinical variables (see table).

Discussion & Conclusions
Conclusions: Symptoms of body-perception distortion were endorsed by most CLBP patients, while these symptoms are very infrequent amongst healthy controls. Our results suggest the questionnaire has reasonable psychometric properties.

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