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Erratum to: Risks of permanent disability in low back pain patients associated with different job positions: a 5-year follow-up study

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Due to an error a wrong Abstract was published

The correct Abstract should be:

Abstract

Purpose This study aimed at providing prognostic information on vocational outcome in a large cohort of LBP patients with a specific focus on predictors of permanent disability benefits.

Methods We included 5945 LBP patients referred to Aarhus University Hospital during 2001–2005 and followed them for 5 years. On the basis of membership of an unemployment insurance fund patients were divided into five groups defining job position. Weekly information on unemployment benefit, sickness benefit, permanent

disability benefits, and other social benefits were obtained during the 5 years of follow-up from a national register. Significant predictors of vocational outcome 5 years after LBP diagnosis were identified by multivariate Cox proportional hazard modeling.

Results A pronounced difference in the risk of permanent disability benefits between various job positions were found, with an adjusted hazard ratio of 5.66 for blue-collar workers compared to managers and the highly educated. One year after hospital contact 5.9 % of the population was on permanent disability benefit; this number increases to 25.1 % after 5 years.

Conclusions Different job positions marked a difference in risk of permanent disability benefit; with blue-collar workers at high risk compared to managers and the highly educated.

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