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18 Abstract

19 **Background context**

20 Previous research indicates that there might exist a link between the experience of pain
21 and mental distress. Pain can possibly trigger anxiety and chronic pain also depression.

22 On the other hand, anxiety and depression might also be risk factors for painful

23 conditions and more pronounced subsequent disability and thus, the pathways may be

24 bidirectional. Expanded knowledge of how different factors affect pain and function may

25 help surgeons in preoperative decision-making.

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27 **Purpose**

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