**MINIMAL Definition**

**Figure 1.** Final minimal definition of low back pain that results from the Delphi study. The diagram should be used in face-to-face interviews and questionnaires (a), and the wording alone used in telephone surveys (b). The diagram is used with the publisher’s permission.

**a) For face-to-face interviews and paper or online questionnaires:**

**In the last 4 weeks, have you had pain in your lower back (in the area shown on the diagram)?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day?

Yes ☐ No ☐

**b) For telephone surveys:**

**In the last 4 weeks, have you had pain in your lower back?**

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, was this pain bad enough to limit your usual activities or change your daily routine for more than one day?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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