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## Abstract

### Study objectives

Musculoskeletal pain is a major burden on society. Adults with sleep problems are at higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset, but there is no evidence for this relationship in children and adolescents. This study aimed to systematically review prospective studies on the risk for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents with sleep problems.

### Methods

Five databases (MEDLINE, PsycINFO, AMED, EMBASE, HMIC) were systematically searched to identify prospective studies that investigated if children and adolescents (aged 6-19 years) with sleep problems are at higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset. Included studies were assessed for study quality and a best evidence synthesis was carried out on extracted data.

### Results

Thirteen prospective studies were identified. Overall, evidence indicates that sleep problems (quality, quantity, day-time tiredness) are not risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset. Further analysis on specific body regions show strong evidence that sleep problems are a risk factor for neck pain onset (only in girls), and strong evidence that sleep problems are not a risk factor for the onset of widespread pain.

### Conclusions

Overall sleep problems are not a risk factor for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents. Increased risk was found for some specific body regions and sub-groups but the evidence base was less strong and generally inconsistent. This review found a lack of quality in research methodology compared to research in adults and further research with improved methodology is required.

### Keywords:

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**Statement of significance**

Musculoskeletal pain is a major burden on society and there is a need to identify risk factors for the onset of musculoskeletal pain. Research carried out in adults has shown a link between sleep problems and the onset of musculoskeletal pain, but evidence is lacking about this relationship in younger populations. This is the first systematic review that has summarized prospective studies on the risk between sleep problems and the onset of musculoskeletal pain in children and adolescents. Our findings show that sleep problems are not risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents, although further analysis did reveal sub-groups at some increased risk. Further research is now required to understand why particular sub-groups are at increased risk.

## Introduction

Musculoskeletal pain is a major concern worldwide. In developed countries, the proportion of the global disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) due to musculoskeletal pain is 13%<sup>1</sup>, and musculoskeletal conditions rank first, fourth and sixth among the top 10 diseases in terms of global years lived with disability<sup>2</sup>. Musculoskeletal conditions have a significant economic burden, with the mean cost of chronic pain estimated at \$560-635 billion in the US (2010 figures)<sup>3</sup> and 3-10% of gross domestic product in Europe in 2008<sup>4</sup>. Consequences of musculoskeletal pain include psychological distress, disability, limitation of activities, limitation in social participation and burden on the family<sup>5,6</sup>. Individuals who experience musculoskeletal pain during adolescence are more likely to have musculoskeletal pain in adulthood<sup>7-10</sup>. Studies investigating the course of pain over time, report that lifelong patterns of musculoskeletal pain that can appear stable and unchanging in adulthood, may begin in childhood<sup>11,12</sup>. However, to date, research on the epidemiology of musculoskeletal conditions has focused mainly on adult populations<sup>11,13-15</sup>, which are likely to identify risk factors for new episodes of musculoskeletal pain (often confounded by the experience of previous pain) rather than true risk factors for the first initial onset of musculoskeletal pain. Gaining knowledge of the factors predictive of musculoskeletal pain in childhood is important as such knowledge could provide information on potential targets for intervention to prevent or reduce risk for child musculoskeletal pain onset, and potentially avert or alter the trajectory of long-term painful musculoskeletal conditions among adults. One specific area with growing research interest and evidence from research on adults with musculoskeletal pain is the role of sleep, more specifically sleep problems (quality, quantity, resulting day time tiredness), as both a risk factor and prognostic factor<sup>16</sup>. Recent reviews, both in adult and child populations, show that sleep problems are common in those with pain<sup>16,17</sup> and that in adults sleep problems are more likely to precede pain (risk of new episodes of pain) in contrast to

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3 pain as a predictor of sleep problems<sup>16</sup>. Previous systematic reviews<sup>18-23</sup> on risk factors for  
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5 musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents have been carried out, but have not  
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7 yet considered the potential role of sleep problems as a risk factor for musculoskeletal pain  
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9 onset in these populations. The aim of this systematic review is to evaluate evidence from  
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11 prospective studies that investigated if children and adolescents with sleep problems are at  
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## Methods

### Selection of the literature

A systematic search of the literature was carried out by one reviewer (AA) with the support of another reviewer (PC). Two approaches were used to search the literature. A broad search was carried out on risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset in general in order to retrieve articles that may report data on sleep where sleep was not the main focus of the study. A more specific search was also carried out using appropriate sleep terms to increase specificity. Databases were searched from inception to the 8th November 2016. The following databases were searched through the OVID and NSH HDAS interfaces: Medline, PsycINFO, Allied and Complementary Medicine Database (AMED), Excerpta Medica dataBASE (EMBASE), and Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC). A combination of keywords for each database (see appendix 1) was used to retrieve the papers. Keywords were identified by the principal investigator (AA) after consulting similar systematic reviews and discussion with other reviewers (PC, KD). An additional search was employed by consulting local experts (e.g. accessing and searching personal databases of senior colleagues within the Research Institute, contacting other research experts within the field of childhood musculoskeletal pain), as well as consulting previous relevant reviews in adult populations.

### Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Studies had to report data on musculoskeletal pain presence as the outcome and use a prospective design conducted in general population, school or primary care settings, in order to retrieve results that were generalizable to the overall population. Studies had to include individuals aged 6 to 19 years; this age criteria was chosen as the age of six has been reported to be the starting point for children to use the word “pain” and age nineteen is defined by the World Health Organization as the start of adulthood<sup>24-26</sup>. Articles were considered regardless



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3 of the language, and date of publication in order to minimise publication bias. Studies were  
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5 not included if they had a sample size  $\leq 30$  as they provide unreliable risk estimates, and  
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7 studies were not included if they did not report separate data on children or adolescents.  
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9 Randomized controlled trials (RCTs) were excluded as their focus is on intervention not  
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11 observation, and RCTs often employ more stringent selection criteria which can compromise  
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13 generalisability. Studies of populations with specific diseases or conditions where pain is  
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15 assessed and reported but is a result of the disease or underlying condition (e.g. cancer pain),  
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17 were also excluded, as well as studies where translation was not possible.  
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31 disagreement or inconsistency between reviewers for inclusion of a paper, the third reviewer  
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### 36 37 **Data extraction**

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3 items relative to both internal and external validity<sup>27,28</sup>. Each item was assessed to check if  
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7 articles according to methodological quality, and to weight the results of the studies (best  
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9 evidence synthesis). Each item was scored positive (+) if present and a point awarded,  
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11 negative (–) if absent (no point was given), or (na) if not applicable (no point was given). It  
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13 follows that the highest possible score was 15. For ease of interpretation the quality of the  
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15 articles was rated in three categories: ‘high’ (11-15 items); ‘moderate’ (6-10 items), and ‘low’  
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### Analysis of risk

For each finding, three possible effects were reported: significant effect (+, if significant effect reported), no effect (x, no significant effect present), mixed (#, where significant and non-significant effects are reported for the same body site, e.g. stratified analysis on gender where an effect is reported for males but not females, or different levels of exposure e.g. mixed findings from low, medium, high levels of sleep problems). Each effect was counted within an overall assessment of risk on onset of musculoskeletal pain (i.e. all findings from all body sites). Secondary analysis was carried out stratified by body pain sites reported (back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain, general musculoskeletal pain, widespread pain). A level of evidence approach was used for the analysis (see Table 2) where the combined evidence is assessed in terms of the direction of effect, and the quality of each individual study<sup>29,30</sup>. The levels of evidence analysis applies greater weighting to those findings of high quality. As Table 2 outlines, strength of evidence is determined by the consistency of direction of findings and study quality. Evidence of risk was explored across all body sites to give an overall estimation of consistency, and then for each body site in turn. The risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain was reported using definitive categories of sleep problems retrieved from the review data (sleep quality, sleep quantity and day time tiredness). Information on effect size (e.g. odds ratio, relative risk) was reported if presented in the results of each paper.

## Results

### Study selection

The broad electronic search (all risk factors regardless of type) yielded a total of 35,167 references. After screening of titles and abstracts, 156 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility, of which 145 were excluded because they did not meet the inclusion criteria (see appendix 3). Finally, 11 studies met the eligibility criteria and were included. The second specific search (using specific sleep terms) yielded 3,065 references. After screening of titles and abstracts, ten full-text articles were assessed for eligibility, of which eight were excluded because they did not meet the inclusion criteria and two articles selected for inclusion. These two searches led to the inclusion of 13 articles overall (Figure 1). Seven articles were identified in both searches; four were identified from the broad search, and two within the specific sleep term search.

### Quality and characteristics of the studies

Table 3 describes the quality and characteristics of the included studies. Overall, eight articles (62%) out of 13 were defined as high quality and five (38%) as medium quality; no studies were included in the low quality criteria. Included studies were from six different countries with a total population of 18,888 (range from 191 to 4161 individuals). The samples were recruited from schools or school settings in six studies, from the general population in six articles and from a primary care/hospital interface setting in one study. Some cohorts were reported in more than one article. Three studies were drawn from the Northern Finland Birth Cohort<sup>31-33</sup>, while four studies were drawn from a cohort in southern Finland<sup>34-37</sup>.

## Evidence

### *Sleep quality*

Overall ten findings were reported, with two findings<sup>34,38</sup> showing that children with poor sleep quality are significantly at higher risk (both findings in the direction of poor sleep quality predictive of musculoskeletal pain), one finding<sup>31</sup> showing mixed evidence, and seven findings<sup>31,35-37,39,40</sup> showing no significant higher risk (Please see Table 4 for a full description of effect sizes). When considering only high quality evidence, similar rates are found (high quality findings; two studies<sup>34,38</sup> reported significant higher risk, one study<sup>31</sup> mixed, five findings<sup>31,35-37</sup> no higher risk). Overall this indicates a trend toward strong evidence of no effect of poor sleep quality as a risk factor for the onset of musculoskeletal pain. Further inspection at each body site was carried out. For back pain onset there were two non-significant effect, one from a medium quality study<sup>39</sup> and one from a high quality study<sup>31</sup>, resulting in a moderate evidence of no higher risk. For neck pain onset the findings shows one mixed<sup>31</sup> and one significant effect<sup>34</sup>, resulting in strong evidence that girls with low sleep quality are at higher risk for neck pain onset, but inconsistent evidence of risk in boys. Shoulder pain shows a non-significant effect in one high quality study<sup>31</sup>, indicating weak evidence of no higher risk. For general musculoskeletal pain onset there are two findings (one high quality). Both report no significant effects. In the high quality study<sup>37</sup> no one of the ORs provided was significant, and the medium quality study<sup>40</sup> reported no statistically significant difference in the sleep quality score between children with new-onset pain and healthy children. This resulted in a moderate evidence of no risk of musculoskeletal pain onset in children with low sleep quality. For widespread pain onset, three high quality findings are reported. While one study<sup>38</sup> reported significant findings, two studies<sup>35,36</sup> reported no significant effects indicating inconclusive evidence.

*Sleep quantity*

Overall eight findings were reported with two of those findings<sup>7,41</sup> (medium quality) showing a significant effect (both findings in the direction of low sleep quantity predictive of musculoskeletal pain), two<sup>31,32</sup> (high quality) showing mixed evidence, and four<sup>31,33,38</sup> (one medium, three high quality) showing no significant effect. This indicates inconsistent evidence, though considering only high quality evidence suggests a trend toward no higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset in children with low sleep quantity. Inspection at each body site revealed for back pain onset, two study findings, one medium quality<sup>7</sup>, indicating a significant effect, and one high quality<sup>31</sup> reporting a mixed effect. Closer inspection of this mixed result showed no higher risk in girls but higher risk in boys (albeit within only one sleep quantity category). Overall this indicates inconsistent evidence of the effect of sleep quantity on back pain onset. Both neck pain onset and shoulder pain onset show no significant higher risk from one high quality study<sup>31</sup> indicating weak evidence of no higher risk. Two findings are reported for general musculoskeletal pain onset with one high quality study<sup>32</sup> reporting mixed findings and one medium quality<sup>41</sup> study reporting a significant effect. This indicates a moderate evidence of higher risk in boys, but inconsistent evidence in girls. For widespread pain two studies (one high quality<sup>38</sup>, one medium quality<sup>33</sup>) report no significant higher risk, indicating moderate evidence that sleep quantity is not a risk factor for onset of widespread pain.

*Daytime tiredness*

Out of eight findings, two<sup>34,37</sup> (high quality) report a significant effect (both findings in the direction of daytime tiredness predictive of musculoskeletal pain), three<sup>31</sup> (high quality) report mixed effects, and three<sup>36,39,42</sup> (two high quality) report no significant effect indicating inconsistency, with a similar conclusion if only high quality evidence is considered.

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19 indicating strong evidence of no risk. Evidence is inconclusive for shoulder pain as there is  
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21 only one (high quality) mixed finding <sup>31</sup>. For general musculoskeletal pain onset there is  
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## Discussion

This is the first systematic review that has synthesised evidence on the risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain in children and adolescents with sleep problems (quality, quantity) or day-time tiredness. The main finding of this review is that sleep quality, sleep quantity and day-time tiredness are not risk factors for the onset of musculoskeletal pain for children or adolescents. Further analysis at each body site revealed similar trends of no effect or inconsistent results, though some mixed findings suggest some risk for particular body regions (e.g. neck pain onset) dependent on gender.

## Comparison with existing literature

Findings from this review are in contrast with those reported in adult populations. A recent review<sup>16</sup> has investigated the prospective and experimental research on the relationship between sleep and pain. Within that review findings from two prospective studies conducted in adult populations are reported and both studies show that individuals with sleep problems were at higher risk of developing fibromyalgia<sup>43</sup> or chronic (both widespread and regional) musculoskeletal pain<sup>44</sup> at follow-up. The results from adult population studies oppose the findings within this current review, which suggest no or little risk for children and adolescents. Examination of the literature on adults does shows that most reported evidence of risk are for chronic musculoskeletal outcomes or for widespread pain, which is suggestive of a higher level of pain severity or severity threshold (i.e. chronic pain samples and those with widespread pain often report higher levels of pain severity<sup>45</sup>), and secondly outcomes such as chronic pain may include populations where pain was present before the measurement of outcome and therefore potentially enable a reciprocal relationship to establish between sleep and pain<sup>46,47</sup>. Taking a wider epidemiological view, there is estimations of 75-80% lifetime prevalence of musculoskeletal pain in adult populations<sup>48</sup>,



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3 and therefore it may be difficult to assert within those populations that this would be their  
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5 first ever experience of musculoskeletal pain as they may have experienced musculoskeletal  
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9 (once both are established) may partly explain effects within adults <sup>16,48</sup>. For example,  
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13 in the presence of sleep and pain, which may then influence subsequent pain episodes <sup>16</sup>. This  
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37 variation in pain severity on a day to day basis <sup>50</sup>. At present it is not clear whether we can  
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45 polysomnography, actigraphy <sup>51</sup> or sleep diaries <sup>50</sup>).

### **Analysis of study heterogeneity**

The overall trend found within this review is that there is no effect of sleep problems on musculoskeletal pain onset. However, some inconsistencies and opposing results are reported when examining different pain sites, and heterogeneity may explain some of this variation. Different measures were used for both exposure and outcome between studies (See table 5) and this made comparison between studies complex. For example, in one<sup>34</sup> of the two studies that reported a significant finding between low sleep quality and day-time tiredness and the onset of neck pain, sleep quality and day-time tiredness were part of a variable that also included other physical and psychological symptoms. Therefore the effect reported may be also attributable to the other symptoms included in the variable, this limits the strength of this finding somewhat. Also, in one<sup>41</sup> of the two studies that provided moderate evidence of risk for the onset of general musculoskeletal pain in children with low sleep quantity, the measure of pain also included abdominal pain, headaches and/or pains in other parts of the body occurring at least weekly. This highlights the difficulty in the ability to distinguish musculoskeletal pain from other type of pain with this measure, which may have potentially influenced the reported evidence of risk.

### **Strengths and weaknesses of the study**

Five databases were systematically searched without any language or time restrictions, to encompass the widest range of literature. Also, the use of a broad search (non-restrictive search without specific sleep search terms) and a more specific search enabled the identification of additional literature (four articles were identified in the broad search, two in the specific search and seven in both searches). Another strength is the focus solely on studies employing prospective designs. This produces the best evidence as it provides estimates of incidence, enables the assessment of temporal sequence between exposure and the outcome,

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13 to overcome these issues where possible. For example, two studies had a dropout rate of over  
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23<sup>34</sup>. There are some limitations. First, no one study used objective measures of sleep (e.g.  
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27 variation of definitions used for both the exposure and musculoskeletal pain outcome in the  
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29 included studies limited the comparison and analysis. Second, some flaws were present in the  
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31 design of the studies. In one study<sup>38</sup> pain was only measured at follow-up, thus limiting the  
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33 inference of causality. In another study<sup>40</sup>, the group with new-onset musculoskeletal pain  
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35 consisted of children presenting to emergency medicine, and this may have represented a  
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### 16 **Implications for clinical practice and future research**

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36 of developing musculoskeletal pain (e.g. girls with low sleep quality and day-time tiredness  
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38 more at risk of the onset of neck pain). This paper recommends more research on at risk  
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40 subgroups to understand potential mechanisms and this would lay the foundation for  
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42 designing interventions on the direct treatment of sleep problems to avert musculoskeletal  
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44 outcomes. For example, there may be a place for routine sleep screenings in some subgroups  
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46 of children who could benefit from education on sleep hygiene to reduce risk of  
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48 musculoskeletal pain problems<sup>41</sup>. Future research recommendations are a need to explore  
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50 potential risk in sub-groups of children and adolescents and the need for more objective  
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52 measures (e.g. polysomnography, actigraphy)<sup>51</sup> to be used in future prospective studies on  
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3 sleep and musculoskeletal pain onset in children. Also, given the potential daily variation of  
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## 10 11 12 13 14 **Conclusions**

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16 In conclusion, this systematic review has shown no or little risk of musculoskeletal pain onset  
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18 preceded by sleep problems in children and adolescents, although some subgroups at  
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20 heightened risk were identified. Given the heterogeneity of the measures used among studies,  
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22 the use of more objective measures for both sleep and musculoskeletal pain is recommended.  
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24 Future research exploring the daily variation in the relationship between sleep and pain may  
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4 **adolescents? A systematic review.**  
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## Abstract

### Study objectives

Musculoskeletal pain is a major burden on society. Adults with sleep problems are at higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset, but there is no evidence for this relationship in children and adolescents. This study aimed to systematically review prospective studies on the risk for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents with sleep problems.

### Methods

Five databases (MEDLINE, PsycINFO, AMED, EMBASE, HMIC) were systematically searched to identify prospective studies that investigated if children and adolescents (aged 6-19 years) with sleep problems are at higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset. Included studies were assessed for study quality and a best evidence synthesis was carried out on extracted data.

### Results

Thirteen prospective studies were identified. Overall, evidence indicates that sleep problems (quality, quantity, day-time tiredness) are not risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset. Further analysis on specific body regions show strong evidence that sleep problems are a risk factor for neck pain onset (only in girls), and strong evidence that sleep problems are not a risk factor for the onset of widespread pain.

### Conclusions

Overall sleep problems are not a risk factor for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents. Increased risk was found for some specific body regions and sub-groups but the evidence base was less strong and generally inconsistent. This review found a lack of quality in research methodology compared to research in adults and further research with improved methodology is required.

### Keywords:

Pain

Sleep

Pediatrics - Adolescent

Pediatrics - Sleep and Arousal

Public Health

Sleep Hygiene

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**Statement of significance**

Musculoskeletal pain is a major burden on society and there is a need to identify risk factors for the onset of musculoskeletal pain. Research carried out in adults has shown a link between sleep problems and the onset of musculoskeletal pain, but evidence is lacking about this relationship in younger populations. This is the first systematic review that has summarized prospective studies on the risk between sleep problems and the onset of musculoskeletal pain in children and adolescents. Our findings show that sleep problems are not risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents, although further analysis did reveal sub-groups at some increased risk. Further research is now required to understand why particular sub-groups are at increased risk.

## Introduction

Musculoskeletal pain is a major concern worldwide. In developed countries, the proportion of the global disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) due to musculoskeletal pain is 13%<sup>1</sup>, and musculoskeletal conditions rank first, fourth and sixth among the top 10 diseases in terms of global years lived with disability<sup>2</sup>. Musculoskeletal conditions have a significant economic burden, with the mean cost of chronic pain estimated at \$560-635 billion in the US (2010 figures)<sup>3</sup> and 3-10% of gross domestic product in Europe in 2008<sup>4</sup>. Consequences of musculoskeletal pain include psychological distress, disability, limitation of activities, limitation in social participation and burden on the family<sup>5,6</sup>. Individuals who experience musculoskeletal pain during adolescence are more likely to have musculoskeletal pain in adulthood<sup>7-10</sup>. Studies investigating the course of pain over time, report that lifelong patterns of musculoskeletal pain that can appear stable and unchanging in adulthood, may begin in childhood<sup>11,12</sup>. However, to date, research on the epidemiology of musculoskeletal conditions has focused mainly on adult populations<sup>11,13-15</sup>, which are likely to identify risk factors for new episodes of musculoskeletal pain (often confounded by the experience of previous pain) rather than true risk factors for the first initial onset of musculoskeletal pain. Gaining knowledge of the factors predictive of musculoskeletal pain in childhood is important as such knowledge could provide information on potential targets for intervention to prevent or reduce risk for child musculoskeletal pain onset, and potentially avert or alter the trajectory of long-term painful musculoskeletal conditions among adults. One specific area with growing research interest and evidence from research on adults with musculoskeletal pain is the role of sleep, more specifically sleep problems (quality, quantity, resulting day time tiredness), as both a risk factor and prognostic factor<sup>16</sup>. Recent reviews, both in adult and child populations, show that sleep problems are common in those with pain<sup>16,17</sup> and that in adults sleep problems are more likely to precede pain (risk of new episodes of pain) in contrast to

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3 pain as a predictor of sleep problems<sup>16</sup>. Previous systematic reviews<sup>18-23</sup> on risk factors for  
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5 musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents have been carried out, but have not  
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7 yet considered the potential role of sleep problems as a risk factor for musculoskeletal pain  
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9 onset in these populations. The aim of this systematic review is to evaluate evidence from  
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## Methods

### Selection of the literature

A systematic search of the literature was carried out by one reviewer (AA) with the support of another reviewer (PC). Two approaches were used to search the literature. A broad search was carried out on risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset in general in order to retrieve articles that may report data on sleep where sleep was not the main focus of the study. A more specific search was also carried out using appropriate sleep terms to increase specificity. Databases were searched from inception to the 8th November 2016. The following databases were searched through the OVID and NSH HDAS interfaces: Medline, PsycINFO, Allied and Complementary Medicine Database (AMED), Excerpta Medica dataBASE (EMBASE), and Health Management Information Consortium (HMIC). A combination of keywords for each database (see appendix 1) was used to retrieve the papers. Keywords were identified by the principal investigator (AA) after consulting similar systematic reviews and discussion with other reviewers (PC, KD). An additional search was employed by consulting local experts (e.g. accessing and searching personal databases of senior colleagues within the Research Institute, contacting other research experts within the field of childhood musculoskeletal pain), as well as consulting previous relevant reviews in adult populations.

### Inclusion/exclusion criteria

Studies had to report data on musculoskeletal pain presence as the outcome and use a prospective design conducted in general population, school or primary care settings, in order to retrieve results that were generalizable to the overall population. Studies had to include individuals aged 6 to 19 years; this age criteria was chosen as the age of six has been reported to be the starting point for children to use the word “pain” and age nineteen is defined by the World Health Organization as the start of adulthood<sup>24-26</sup>. Articles were considered regardless

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3 of the language, and date of publication in order to minimise publication bias. Studies were  
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13 generalisability. Studies of populations with specific diseases or conditions where pain is  
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17 were also excluded, as well as studies where translation was not possible.  
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31 disagreement or inconsistency between reviewers for inclusion of a paper, the third reviewer  
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3 items relative to both internal and external validity<sup>27,28</sup>. Each item was assessed to check if  
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5 the criteria was met or not and a score was given (table 1). This enabled the classification of  
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### Analysis of risk

For each finding, three possible effects were reported: significant effect (+, if significant effect reported), no effect (x, no significant effect present), mixed (#, where significant and non-significant effects are reported for the same body site, e.g. stratified analysis on gender where an effect is reported for males but not females, or different levels of exposure e.g. mixed findings from low, medium, high levels of sleep problems). Each effect was counted within an overall assessment of risk on onset of musculoskeletal pain (i.e. all findings from all body sites). Secondary analysis was carried out stratified by body pain sites reported (back pain, neck pain, shoulder pain, general musculoskeletal pain, widespread pain). A level of evidence approach was used for the analysis (see Table 2) where the combined evidence is assessed in terms of the direction of effect, and the quality of each individual study<sup>29,30</sup>. The levels of evidence analysis applies greater weighting to those findings of high quality. As Table 2 outlines, strength of evidence is determined by the consistency of direction of findings and study quality. Evidence of risk was explored across all body sites to give an overall estimation of consistency, and then for each body site in turn. The risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain was reported using definitive categories of sleep problems retrieved from the review data (sleep quality, sleep quantity and day time tiredness). Information on effect size (e.g. odds ratio, relative risk) was reported if presented in the results of each paper.

## Results

### Study selection

The broad electronic search (all risk factors regardless of type) yielded a total of 35,167 references. After screening of titles and abstracts, 156 full-text articles were assessed for eligibility, of which 145 were excluded because they did not meet the inclusion criteria (see appendix 3). Finally, 11 studies met the eligibility criteria and were included. The second specific search (using specific sleep terms) yielded 3,065 references. After screening of titles and abstracts, ten full-text articles were assessed for eligibility, of which eight were excluded because they did not meet the inclusion criteria and two articles selected for inclusion. These two searches led to the inclusion of 13 articles overall (Figure 1). Seven articles were identified in both searches; four were identified from the broad search, and two within the specific sleep term search.

### Quality and characteristics of the studies

Table 3 describes the quality and characteristics of the included studies. Overall, eight articles (62%) out of 13 were defined as high quality and five (38%) as medium quality; no studies were included in the low quality criteria. Included studies were from six different countries with a total population of 18,888 (range from 191 to 4161 individuals). The samples were recruited from schools or school settings in six studies, from the general population in six articles and from a primary care/hospital interface setting in one study. Some cohorts were reported in more than one article. Three studies were drawn from the Northern Finland Birth Cohort<sup>31-33</sup>, while four studies were drawn from a cohort in southern Finland<sup>34-37</sup>.

## Evidence

### *Sleep quality*

Overall ten findings were reported, with two findings<sup>34,38</sup> showing that children with poor sleep quality are significantly at higher risk (both findings in the direction of poor sleep quality predictive of musculoskeletal pain), one finding<sup>31</sup> showing mixed evidence, and seven findings<sup>31,35–37,39,40</sup> showing no significant higher risk ([Please see Table 4 for a full description of effect sizes](#)). When considering only high quality evidence, similar rates are found (high quality findings; two studies<sup>34,38</sup> reported significant higher risk, one study<sup>31</sup> mixed, five findings<sup>31,35–37</sup> no higher risk). Overall this indicates a trend toward strong evidence of no effect of poor sleep quality as a risk factor for the onset of musculoskeletal pain. Further inspection at each body site was carried out. For back pain onset there were two non-significant effects: ~~One was~~ from a medium quality study<sup>39</sup> (~~estimate not provided in the multivariate analysis~~) and one ~~was~~ from a high quality study<sup>31</sup> (~~Boys adjusted Odds Ratios: 1.14, 95% Confidence Interval 0.66, 2.00; Girls adj. OR: 1.48, 95% CI 0.97, 2.24~~), resulting in a moderate evidence of no higher risk. For neck pain onset the findings shows one mixed<sup>31</sup> (~~Boys adj. OR: 0.83, 95% CI 0.48, 1.44; Girls adj. OR: 1.67, 95% CI 1.00, 2.78~~) and one significant effect<sup>34</sup> (~~Boys adj. OR: 1.25, 95% CI 1.11, 1.41; Girls adj. OR: 1.14, 95% CI 1.03, 1.26~~), resulting in strong evidence that girls with low sleep quality are at higher risk for neck pain onset, but inconsistent evidence of risk in boys. Shoulder pain shows a non-significant effect in one high quality study<sup>31</sup> (~~Boys adj. OR: 1.32, 95% CI 0.77, 2.25; Girls adj. OR: 1.47, 95% CI 0.91, 2.39~~), indicating weak evidence of no higher risk. For general musculoskeletal pain onset there are two findings (one high quality). Both report no significant effects. In the high quality study<sup>37</sup> no one of the ORs provided was significant (~~difficulty falling asleep and non-traumatic musculoskeletal pain Adj. OR: 1.48, 95% CI 0.99, 2.23; waking up during nights and non-traumatic musculoskeletal pain Adj. OR: 1.31,~~

~~95% CI 0.82, 2.08; difficulty falling asleep and traumatic musculoskeletal pain Adj. OR: 1.47, 95% CI 0.67, 3.24; waking up during nights and traumatic musculoskeletal pain Adj. OR: 1.64, 95% CI 0.70, 3.85), and~~ ~~t~~The medium quality study<sup>40</sup> reported no statistically significant difference in the sleep quality score between children with new-onset pain (~~Mean 3.96, Standard Deviation 0.58~~) and healthy children (~~Mean 4.13, SD 0.69~~). This resulted in a moderate evidence of no risk of musculoskeletal pain onset in children with low sleep quality. For widespread pain onset, three high quality findings are reported. While one study<sup>38</sup> reported significant findings (~~problems with hypersomnolence Adj. OR: 2.76, 95% CI 1.05, 7.25; Waking up 2-3 times / > 3 times a night Adj. OR: 2.13, 95% CI 1.22, 3.74~~), two studies<sup>35,36</sup> reported no significant effects (~~difficulty falling asleep<sup>36</sup> Adj. OR: 1.2, 95% CI 0.9, 1.7; waking up during nights<sup>36</sup> Adj. OR: 1.1, 95% CI 0.8, 1.6; Higher sleep score<sup>35</sup> Adj. OR: 1.23, 95% CI 0.98, 1.54~~) indicating inconclusive evidence.

### *Sleep quantity*

Overall eight findings were reported with two of those findings<sup>7,41</sup> (medium quality) showing a significant effect (both findings in the direction of low sleep quantity predictive of musculoskeletal pain), two<sup>31,32</sup> (high quality) showing mixed evidence, and four<sup>31,33,38</sup> (one medium, three high quality) showing no significant effect. This indicates inconsistent evidence, though considering only high quality evidence suggests a trend toward no higher risk for musculoskeletal pain onset in children with low sleep quantity. Inspection at each body site revealed for back pain onset, two study findings, one medium quality<sup>7</sup>, indicating a significant effect (~~those with trouble getting enough sleep had more pain but no estimate was reported~~), and one high quality<sup>31</sup> reporting a mixed effect. Closer inspection of this mixed result showed no higher risk in girls (~~Sleeping 7 hour or less a day adj. OR: 1.45, 95% CI 0.96, 2.19; sleeping 9-10 hours a day adj. OR: 0.86, 95% CI 0.58, 1.27; sleeping 10 hours or more a day adj. OR: 0.87, 95% CI 0.52, 1.47~~) but higher risk in boys (albeit within only one

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13 ~~0.66, 1.57; sleeping 10 hours or more a day adj. OR: 1.55, 95% CI 0.84, 2.87; Boys: Sleeping~~  
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15 ~~7 hour or less a day adj. OR: 1.40, 95% CI 0.86, 2.30; sleeping 9-10 hours a day adj. OR:~~  
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17 ~~0.98, 95% CI 0.64, 1.50; sleeping 10 hours or more a day adj. OR: 0.86, 95% CI 0.52, 1.44),~~  
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19 and shoulder pain onset (~~Girls: Sleeping 7 hour or less a day adj. OR: 1.36, 95% CI 0.85,~~  
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21 ~~2.17; sleeping 9-10 hours a day adj. OR: 1.17, 95% CI 0.76, 1.81; sleeping 10 hours or more~~  
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23 ~~a day adj. OR: 1.08, 95% CI 0.61, 1.93; Boys: Sleeping 7 hour or less a day adj. OR: 1.05,~~  
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25 ~~95% CI 0.66, 1.69; sleeping 9-10 hours a day adj. OR: 0.84, 95% CI 0.55, 1.29; sleeping 10~~  
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41 <sup>38</sup>, one medium quality<sup>33</sup>) report no significant higher risk, (~~High quality study<sup>38</sup>:~~  
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43 ~~rarely/never enough sleep adj. OR: 1.20, 95% CI 0.55, 2.62; Medium quality study<sup>33</sup>, boys:~~  
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45 ~~sleeping < 7 hours a day adj. OR: 1.15, 95% CI 0.66, 1.98; sleeping ≥ 10 hours a day adj.~~  
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47 ~~OR: 1.14, 95% CI 0.69, 1.88; girls: sleeping < 7 hours a day adj. OR: 0.93, 95% CI 0.54,~~  
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*Daytime tiredness*

Out of eight findings, two<sup>34,37</sup> (high quality) report a significant effect (both findings in the direction of daytime tiredness predictive of musculoskeletal pain), three<sup>31</sup> (high quality) report mixed effects, and three<sup>36,39,42</sup> (two high quality) report no significant effect indicating inconsistency, with a similar conclusion if only high quality evidence is considered.

Examination by body site revealed one high quality<sup>31</sup> study reporting mixed evidence (~~Boys often too tired adj. OR: 1.46, 95% CI 0.61, 3.45; sometimes too tired adj. OR: 1.16, 95% CI 0.80, 1.68; Girls often too tired adj. OR: 2.42, 95% CI 1.24, 4.71; sometimes too tired adj. OR: 1.32, 95% CI 0.93, 1.85~~), and one medium quality<sup>39</sup> study reporting no effect (~~estimate not provided in the multivariate analysis~~) for back pain onset. This indicates a moderate evidence that boys with daytime tiredness are not at higher risk for back pain onset, but an inconsistent evidence in girls. Similarly for neck pain, one high quality study<sup>34</sup> found a significant effect (~~Boys Adj. OR: 1.25, 95% CI 1.11, 1.41; Girls Adj. OR: 1.14, 95% CI 1.03, 1.26~~), and one high quality study<sup>31</sup> reported mixed effects (~~Boys often too tired adj. OR 1.15, 95% CI 0.48, 2.74; sometimes too tired adj. OR 1.28, 95% CI 0.88, 1.85; Girls often too tired adj. OR 3.92, 95% CI 1.55, 9.90; sometimes too tired adj. OR 1.46, 95% CI 1.00, 2.13~~). This indicates strong evidence that girls with daytime tiredness are at higher risk for neck pain onset, but inconsistent evidence in boys. For widespread pain, two findings<sup>36,42</sup> (high quality) report that children with day time tiredness are not at higher risk for widespread pain onset (~~adj. OR: 1.1, 95% CI 0.8, 1.6<sup>36</sup>; adj. OR: 1.41, 95% CI 0.84, 2.40<sup>42</sup>~~), indicating strong evidence of no risk. Evidence is inconclusive for shoulder pain as there is only one (high quality) mixed finding<sup>31</sup> (~~Boys often too tired adj. OR: 1.36, 95% CI 0.60, 3.13; sometimes too tired adj. OR: 1.57, 95% CI 1.10, 2.25; Girls often too tired adj. OR: 1.78, 95% CI 0.83, 3.83; sometimes too tired adj. OR: 1.21, 95% CI 0.83, 1.76~~). For general musculoskeletal

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5 ~~traumatic musculoskeletal pain Adj. OR: 2.97, 95% CI 1.41, 6.26~~) that children with day time  
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## Discussion

This is the first systematic review that has synthesised evidence on the risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain in children and adolescents with sleep problems (quality, quantity) or day-time tiredness. The main finding of this review is that sleep quality, sleep quantity and day-time tiredness are not risk factors for the onset of musculoskeletal pain for children or adolescents. Further analysis at each body site revealed similar trends of no effect or inconsistent results, though some mixed findings suggest some risk for particular body regions (e.g. neck pain onset) dependent on gender.

## Comparison with existing literature

Findings from this review are in contrast with those reported in adult populations. A recent review<sup>16</sup> has investigated the prospective and experimental research on the relationship between sleep and pain. Within that review findings from two prospective studies conducted in adult populations are reported and both studies show that individuals with sleep problems were at higher risk of developing fibromyalgia<sup>43</sup> or chronic (both widespread and regional) musculoskeletal pain<sup>44</sup> at follow-up. The results from adult population studies oppose the findings within this current review, which suggest no or little risk for children and adolescents. Examination of the literature on adults does shows that most reported evidence of risk are for chronic musculoskeletal outcomes or for widespread pain, which is suggestive of a higher level of pain severity or severity threshold (i.e. chronic pain samples and those with widespread pain often report higher levels of pain severity<sup>45</sup>), and secondly outcomes such as chronic pain may include populations where pain was present before the measurement of outcome and therefore potentially enable a reciprocal relationship to establish between sleep and pain<sup>46,47</sup>. Taking a wider epidemiological view, there is estimations of 75-80% lifetime prevalence of musculoskeletal pain in adult populations<sup>48</sup>,



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3 and therefore it may be difficult to assert within those populations that this would be their  
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9 (once both are established) may partly explain effects within adults <sup>16,48</sup>. For example,  
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17 and adolescents (who generally would be less likely than adults to have already experienced  
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31 the relationship between pain and sleep more frequently. Findings of adult research,  
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33 investigating the day-to-day relationship between sleep and pain, show that sleep is a reliable  
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35 predictor of subsequent pain, but pre-sleep pain has less of an effect, and that there is  
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37 variation in pain severity on a day to day basis <sup>50</sup>. At present it is not clear whether we can  
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41 like” comparison to findings in the adult literature, until similar sophisticated measurement  
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43 and study quality is obtained (e.g. frequent measurement stages, objective measures such as  
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45 polysomnography, actigraphy <sup>51</sup> or sleep diaries <sup>50</sup>).

### **Analysis of study heterogeneity**

The overall trend found within this review is that there is no effect of sleep problems on musculoskeletal pain onset. However, some inconsistencies and opposing results are reported when examining different pain sites, and heterogeneity may explain some of this variation. Different measures were used for both exposure and outcome between studies (See table 5) and this made comparison between studies complex. For example, in one<sup>34</sup> of the two studies that reported a significant finding between low sleep quality and day-time tiredness and the onset of neck pain, sleep quality and day-time tiredness were part of a variable that also included other physical and psychological symptoms. Therefore the effect reported may be also attributable to the other symptoms included in the variable, this limits the strength of this finding somewhat. Also, in one<sup>41</sup> of the two studies that provided moderate evidence of risk for the onset of general musculoskeletal pain in children with low sleep quantity, the measure of pain also included abdominal pain, headaches and/or pains in other parts of the body occurring at least weekly. This highlights the difficulty in the ability to distinguish musculoskeletal pain from other type of pain with this measure, which may have potentially influenced the reported evidence of risk.

### **Strengths and weaknesses of the study**

Five databases were systematically searched without any language or time restrictions, to encompass the widest range of literature. Also, the use of a broad search (non-restrictive search without specific sleep search terms) and a more specific search enabled the identification of additional literature (four articles were identified in the broad search, two in the specific search and seven in both searches). Another strength is the focus solely on studies employing prospective designs. This produces the best evidence as it provides estimates of incidence, enables the assessment of temporal sequence between exposure and the outcome,

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3 and avoids recall bias that may occur with retrospective or case-control studies<sup>52</sup>. The review  
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7 presented but also the quality of studies, to account for the potential effect of bias. However,  
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11 account for key elements of bias within each study (e.g. response rate) and we have attempted  
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13 to overcome these issues where possible. For example, two studies had a dropout rate of over  
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15 20%, which may raise the possibility of bias from loss to follow-up. However, in one of these  
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17 studies, sensitivity analyses were carried out to compare the baseline characteristics of the  
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19 subjects who dropped out the study to those who completed the study, and results commented  
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23<sup>34</sup>. There are some limitations. First, no one study used objective measures of sleep (e.g.  
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27 variation of definitions used for both the exposure and musculoskeletal pain outcome in the  
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29 included studies limited the comparison and analysis. Second, some flaws were present in the  
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31 design of the studies. In one study<sup>38</sup> pain was only measured at follow-up, thus limiting the  
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33 inference of causality. In another study<sup>40</sup>, the group with new-onset musculoskeletal pain  
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35 consisted of children presenting to emergency medicine, and this may have represented a  
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37 more severe cohort. Thirdly, identified studies were predominantly from developed countries  
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41 generalizable to different social/cultural environments. Studies that do not find evidence of  
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43 risk and papers in a language other than English are less likely to be published or be within  
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45 the databases searched (grey literature). Whilst we translated three papers produced in  
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3 PhD thesis were not explored. Therefore publication bias is a possible limitation (although no  
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7 outcome measure (see table 5), it was not possible to perform a meta-analysis, which would  
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### 16 **Implications for clinical practice and future research**

18 This systematic review provides evidence that children and adolescents with sleep problems  
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20 are not at higher risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain. These findings are opposed to the  
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22 findings within the adult population literature, and this paper argues that a potential reason is  
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24 that in adults there may be an already established sleep/pain relationship due to prior  
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26 experience of pain, or that alternatively such findings are due to the measures and populations  
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28 used within the studies. Therefore whilst this paper would not recommend routine screenings  
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30 of sleep problems in children/adolescents as a way of identifying at risk individuals, it may be  
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32 important to monitor children with both pain and sleep problems, as once both are established  
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34 may make treatment more challenging. This review does report some subgroups more at risk  
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36 of developing musculoskeletal pain (e.g. girls with low sleep quality and day-time tiredness  
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38 more at risk of the onset of neck pain). This paper recommends more research on at risk  
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40 subgroups to understand potential mechanisms and this would lay the foundation for  
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42 designing interventions on the direct treatment of sleep problems to avert musculoskeletal  
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44 outcomes. For example, there may be a place for routine sleep screenings in some subgroups  
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46 of children who could benefit from education on sleep hygiene to reduce risk of  
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48 musculoskeletal pain problems<sup>41</sup>. Future research recommendations are a need to explore  
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50 potential risk in sub-groups of children and adolescents and the need for more objective  
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52 measures (e.g. polysomnography, actigraphy)<sup>51</sup> to be used in future prospective studies on  
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3 sleep and musculoskeletal pain onset in children. Also, given the potential daily variation of  
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## 10 11 12 13 14 **Conclusions**

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16 In conclusion, this systematic review has shown no or little risk of musculoskeletal pain onset  
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18 preceded by sleep problems in children and adolescents, although some subgroups at  
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20 heightened risk were identified. Given the heterogeneity of the measures used among studies,  
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22 the use of more objective measures for both sleep and musculoskeletal pain is recommended.  
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24 Future research exploring the daily variation in the relationship between sleep and pain may  
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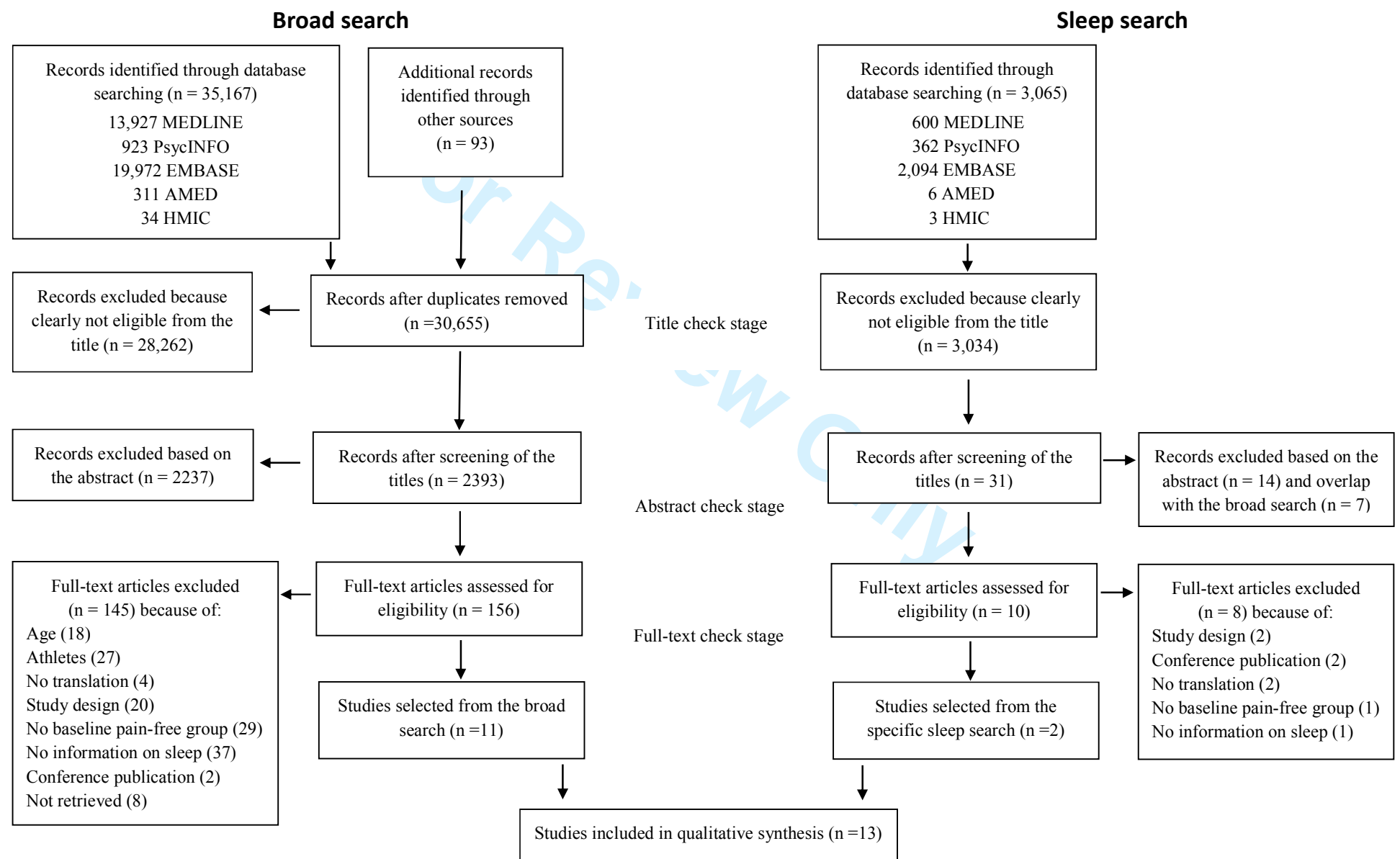
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Figure 1. Flowchart showing the process of selection/exclusion of studies





<b>Table 1. Quality assessment checklist</b>
<b>Item</b>
A. Clearly defined study objective
B. Appropriate design for study question
C. Inclusion and exclusion criteria clear and appropriate
D. Representative sample (and comparison)
E. Sample size calculation presented
F. Appropriate selection of outcome
G. Appropriate measurement of outcome
H. Standardised collection of data
I. Adequate length of follow-up for research question
J. Baseline participation >70% (all groups)
K. Losses and dropouts <20%
L. Adequate description of losses and completers
M. Appropriate analysis of outcomes measured
N. Numerical description of important outcomes given
O. Adjusted and unadjusted calculations provided (with confidence interval if appropriate)

**Table 2** Levels of evidence for association of risk factors for musculoskeletal pain onset in children and adolescents

**Level of evidence**

<b>Strong</b>	Consistent findings ( $\geq 75\%$ ) in studies of high quality, at least 2 studies
<b>Moderate</b>	Consistent findings ( $\geq 75\%$ ) in studies of high and medium/low quality with at least one study of high quality in the direction of consistent findings
<b>Weak</b>	Findings of only one study of high quality or consistent findings ( $\geq 75\%$ ) in studies of medium/low quality
<b>Inconclusive</b>	Findings in less than 3 studies of medium/low quality, or inconsistent findings (regardless of quality)

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Author, year	Country	Setting	Sample size (baseline)	Age (baseline), years	Length of follow-up	Drop-out rate	Quality (Score)
Auvinen et al., 2010 <sup>31</sup>	Finland	Birth Cohort	1773	15-16	2 years	N/A	High (11)
Brattberg, 1994 <sup>7</sup>	Sweden	School	597	8-13	2 years	21.1%	Medium (9)
El-Metwally et al., 2007 <sup>37</sup>	Finland	School	1192	9.8-11.8	1 year	6.6%	High (12)
Harrison et al., 2014 <sup>38</sup>	England	Birth Cohort	2493	15	2 years	N/A	High (11)
Incedon et al., 2016 <sup>41</sup>	Australia	General population	4161	10-11	2 years	8.2%	Medium (10)
Jones et al., 2003 <sup>42</sup>	England	General population	1440	11-14	1 year	12%	High (12)
Jussila et al., 2014 <sup>32</sup>	Finland	Birth Cohort	1773	16	2 years	N/A	High (11)
Lewandoski Holley et al., 2016 <sup>40</sup>	U.S.A.	Academic medical center	191	10-17	4 months	N/A	Medium (9)
Mikkelsen et al., 2008 <sup>36</sup>	Finland	School	1756	9.8-11.8	4 years	3%	High (12)
Mikkelsen et al., 1999 <sup>35</sup>	Finland	School	363	9.8-11.8	1 year	10%	High (11)
Paananen et al., 2010 <sup>33</sup>	Finland	Birth Cohort	1594	16	2 years	N/A	Medium (9)
Stahl et al., 2008 <sup>34</sup>	Finland	School	1268	9.8-11.8	4 years	38.5%	High (13)
Szpalski et al., 2002 <sup>39</sup>	Belgium	School	287	9	2 years	N/A	Medium (8)

**Legend**  
N/A = Analysis on subjects who responded to both baseline and follow-up questionnaires

<b>Table 4. Risk for the onset of musculoskeletal pain</b>					
<b>Baseline factor</b>	<b>Outcome</b>				
	Back pain	Neck pain	Shoulder pain	Musculoskeletal pain	Widespread pain
<b>Sleep quality</b>					
+		<b>34</b> Boys: OR: 1.25, 95% CI 1.11, 1.41 Girls: OR: 1.14, 95% CI 1.03, 1.26			<b>38</b> Hypersomnolence problems: OR: 2.76, 95% CI 1.05, 7.25 Waking up $\geq$ 2-3 times a night: OR: 2.13, 95% CI 1.22, 3.74
#		<b>31</b> Boys: OR: 0.83, 95% CI 0.48, 1.44 Girls: OR: 1.67, 95% CI 1.00, 2.78			
x	39 (estimate not provided in multivariate analysis) <b>31</b> Boys: OR: 1.14, 95% CI 0.66, 2.00 Girls: OR: 1.48, 95% CI 0.97, 2.24		<b>31</b> Boys: OR: 1.32, 95% CI 0.77, 2.25 Girls: OR: 1.47, 95% CI 0.91, 2.39	<b>37</b> Non-traumatic: - Difficulty falling asleep: OR: 1.48, 95% CI 0.99, 2.23 - Waking up during nights: OR: 1.31, 95% CI 0.82, 2.08 Traumatic: - Difficulty falling asleep: OR: 1.47, 95% CI 0.67, 3.24 - Waking up during nights: OR: 1.64, 95% CI 0.70, 3.85 <b>40</b> Sleep quality score - Children with new-onset pain: Mean 3.96, SD 0.58 - Healthy children: Mean 4.13, SD 0.69	<b>35</b> Higher sleep score: OR: 1.23, 95% CI 0.98, 1.54 <b>36</b> Difficulty falling asleep: OR: 1.2, 95% CI 0.9, 1.7 Waking up during nights: OR: 1.1, 95% CI 0.8, 1.6
<b>Sleep quantity</b>					
+	7 Those with trouble getting enough sleep had more pain but no estimate was reported			<b>41</b> Sleep deficiency: OR: 1.86, 95% CI 1.16, 2.97	
#	<b>31</b> Sleeping time in girls: - 7 hour or less a day: OR: 1.45, 95% CI 0.96, 2.19 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 0.86, 95% CI 0.58, 1.27			<b>32</b> Shorter sleeping time and probability to have pain: - Boys P = 0.001 - Girls, P = 0.100	

	- 10 hours or more a day: OR: 0.87, 95% CI 0.52, 1.47 Sleeping time in boys: - 7 hours or less a day: OR: 1.42, 95% CI 0.86, 2.33 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 1.59, 95% CI 1.03, 2.44 - 10 hours or more a day: OR: 0.93, 95% CI 0.56, 1.54				
x		<b>31</b> Sleeping time in girls: - 7 hour or less a day: OR: 1.44, 95% CI 0.90, 2.32 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 1.02, 95% CI 0.66, 1.57 - 10 hours or more a day: OR: 1.55, 95% CI 0.84, 2.87 Sleeping time in boys: - 7 hour or less a day: OR: 1.40, 95% CI 0.86, 2.30 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 0.98, 95% CI 0.64, 1.50 - 10 hours or more a day: OR: 0.86, 95% CI 0.52, 1.44	<b>31</b> Sleeping time in girls : - 7 hour or less a day: OR: 1.36, 95% CI 0.85, 2.17 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 1.17, 95% CI 0.76, 1.81 - 10 hours or more a day: OR: 1.08, 95% CI 0.61, 1.93 Sleeping time in boys: - 7 hour or less a day: OR: 1.05, 95% CI 0.66, 1.69 - 9/10 hours a day: OR: 0.84, 95% CI 0.55, 1.29 - 10 hours or more a day: OR: 0.85, 95% CI 0.51, 1.39		<b>33</b> Sleeping time in boys: - < 7 hours a day: OR: 1.15, 95% CI 0.66, 1.98 - ≥ 10 hours a day: OR: 1.14, 95% CI 0.69, 1.88 Sleeping time in girls: - < 7 hours a day: OR: 0.93, 95% CI 0.54, 1.61 - ≥ 10 hours a day: OR: 1.12, 95% CI 0.56, 2.27 <b>38</b> Rarely/never enough sleep: OR: 1.20, 95% CI 0.55, 2.62
<b>Day-time tiredness</b>					
+		<b>34</b> Boys: OR: 1.25, 95% CI 1.11, 1.41 Girls: OR: 1.14, 95% CI 1.03, 1.26		<b>37</b> Non-traumatic: OR: 1.53, 95% CI 1.03, 2.26 Traumatic: OR: 2.97, 95% CI 1.41, 6.26	
#	<b>31</b> Boys: - often too tired: OR: 1.46, 95% CI 0.61, 3.45 - sometimes too tired: OR: 1.16, 95% CI 0.80, 1.68 Girls: - often too tired OR: 2.42, 95% CI 1.24, 4.71	<b>31</b> Boys: - often too tired: OR 1.15, 95% CI 0.48, 2.74 - sometimes too tired OR 1.28, 95% CI 0.88, 1.85 Girls: - often too tired: OR 3.92, 95% CI 1.55, 9.90	<b>31</b> Boys: - often too tired: OR: 1.36, 95% CI 0.60, 3.13 - sometimes too tired: OR: 1.57, 95% CI 1.10, 2.25 Girls: - often too tired: OR: 1.78, 95% CI 0.83, 3.83		

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	- sometimes too tired: OR: 1.32, 95% CI 0.93, 1.85	- sometimes too tired: OR 1.46, 95% CI 1.00, 2.13	- sometimes too tired: OR: 1.21, 95% CI 0.83, 1.76		
x	39 (estimate not provided in multivariate analysis)				<b>36</b> OR: 1.1, 95% CI 0.8, 1.6 <b>42</b> OR: 1.41, 95% CI 0.84, 2.40

**Legend**  
+ significant effect    x no effect    # mixed effect  
Numbers in the table represent the study reference numbers. Numbers in bold represent the studies of high quality.  
OR = Odds Ratios. All the Odds Ratios provided are for adjusted analysis  
95% CI = 95% Confidence Interval  
SD = Standard Deviation

**Table 5. Definitions of exposure and outcome used in the studies**

Author, year	Exposure	Outcome
Auvinen et al., 2010 <sup>31</sup>	Poor sleep quality: having sleeping problems “sometimes or often” (reference category was “not at all”), Day-time tiredness: being too tired “often” or “sometimes” (reference category was “never”)	Any aches or pain in the last 6 months in the following areas: - Neck or occipital area - Shoulders - Low back
Brattberg, 1994 <sup>7</sup>	Sleep quantity	Back pain often
El-Metwally et al., 2007 <sup>37</sup>	Sleep quality: Difficulties falling asleep and waking up during the night present at least once a week during the preceding 3 months	Pain in any musculoskeletal locations with a frequency of at least once a week during the previous 3 months
Harrison et al., 2014 <sup>38</sup>	Sleep quality: Frequency of problems with hypersomnolence and waking up during the night  Sleep quantity (enough sleep): Always (Reference) Usually Sometimes Rarely/Never	Pain on both sides of the body, above and below the waist and in the axial skeleton that had been present for more than 3 months
Incedon et al., 2016 <sup>41</sup>	Sleep deficiency: “not quite” or “not nearly enough sleep” in the last month (reference categories: “plenty” or “just enough”)	Abdominal pain, headaches and/or pains in other parts of the body occurring at least weekly
Jones et al., 2003 <sup>42</sup>	Day-time tiredness measured with a visual analog scale (VAS)	ACR definition of criteria for fibromyalgia to define widespread pain
Jussila et al., 2014 <sup>32</sup>	Sleeping time, hours a day	Any aches or pain in the last 6 months in the following areas: - Neck or occipital area - Shoulders - Low back - Elbows - Wrists - Knees Ankle/foot area
Lewandoski Holley et al., 2016 <sup>40</sup>	Sleep quality: Adolescent Sleep-Wake Scale (total score was used in the analysis)	New-onset musculoskeletal pain: children presenting to an orthopaedic clinic or emergency medicine
Mikkelsen et al., 2008 <sup>36</sup>	Day-time tiredness, difficulty falling asleep and waking up during night at least once a week for the preceding 3 months	ACR definition of criteria for fibromyalgia to define widespread pain
Mikkelsen et al., 1999 <sup>35</sup>	Day-time tiredness, difficulty falling asleep and waking up during night at least once a week for the preceding 3 months	Pain above and below the waist, on both sides of the body and in the axial skeleton at least once a week during the preceding 3

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Paananen et al., 2010 <sup>33</sup>	Sleeping time: 7 hours a day or less 8-9 hours a day (Reference) 10 or more hours a day	Any aches or pain in the last 6 months in more than one of the following areas: - Neck or occipital area - Shoulders - Low back - Elbows - Wrists - Knees - Ankle/foot area
Ståhl et al., 2008 <sup>34</sup>	Physical and psychological symptoms (abdominal pain, headache, depressive mood, daytime tiredness, difficulty falling asleep, waking up during the night) at least once a week	Neck pain at least once a week
Szpalski et al., 2002 <sup>39</sup>	Quality of sleep, quality of falling asleep and being tired without any reason measured with a visual analog scale (VAS)	Back pain prevalence and disability of back pain



## Appendix 1

### Search strategies

Here below are listed the two search strategies used within the systematic review. The search strategies listed are those used for the MEDLINE database. For other databases similar search strategies were used with the specific search terms adapted for each specific database.

Specific search using specific sleep terms	
Number	Search term
1	INCIDENCE/
2	(inciden*).ti,ab,af
3	RISK FACTORS/
4	(risk ADJ3 factor*).ti,ab,af
5	(Risk ADJ3 score).ti,ab,af
6	exp COHORT STUDIES/
7	(cohort ADJ3 stud*).ti,ab,af
8	PROSPECTIVE STUDIES/
9	(prospective ADJ3 stud*).ti,ab,af
10	FOLLOW UP STUDIES/
11	(Follow up ADJ3 stud*).ti,ab,af
12	(onset).ti,ab,af
13	(predict*).ti,ab,af
14	(1 OR 2 OR 3 OR 4 OR 5 OR 6 OR 7 OR 8 OR 9 OR 10 OR 11 OR 12 OR 13)
15	ADOLESCENT/
16	(adolescen*).ti,ab,af
17	exp CHILD/
18	(child*).ti,ab,af
19	(youth).ti,ab,af
20	SCHOOLS/
21	(school*).ti,ab,af
22	PEDIATRICS/
23	(pediatric*).ti,ab,af
24	(paediatric*).ti,ab,af
25	(young*).ti,ab,af
26	(boy*).ti,ab,af

27	(girl*).ti,ab,af
28	exp PUBERTY/
29	(pubescent*).ti,ab,af
30	(pubert*).ti,ab,af
31	(prepubert*).ti,ab,af
32	(juvenile*).ti,ab,af
33	(teenage*).ti,ab,af
34	(15 OR 16 OR 17 OR 18 OR 19 OR 20 OR 21 OR 22 OR 23 OR 24 OR 25 OR 26 OR 27 OR 28 OR 29 OR 30 OR 31 OR 32 OR 33)
35	PAIN/
36	exp BACK/
37	KNEE/
38	NECK/
39	exp HAND/
40	SHOULDER/
41	HIP/
42	exp FOOT/
43	ELBOW/
44	ARM/
45	FOREARM/
46	WRIST/
47	LEG/
48	ANKLE/
49	exp SPINE/
50	(36 OR 37 OR 38 OR 39 OR 40 OR 41 OR 42 OR 43 OR 44 OR 45 OR 46 OR 47 OR 48 OR 49)
51	(35 AND 50)
52	(back ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
53	(knee ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
54	(neck ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
55	(hand ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
56	(shoulder ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
57	(hip ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
58	(foot ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
59	(elbow ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
60	(arm ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
61	(forearm ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
62	(wrist ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af

63	(leg ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
64	(ankle ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
65	(spinal ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
66	(backache).ti,ab,af
67	LOW BACK PAIN/
68	(low back ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
69	CHRONIC PAIN/
70	(chronic ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
71	MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN/
72	(musculoskeletal ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
73	(widespread ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
74	(multisite ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
75	(regional ADJ3 pain).ti,ab,af
76	(juvenile ADJ3 fibromyalgia).ti,ab,af
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78	(35 OR 51 OR 77)
79	exp SLEEP DISORDERS, CIRCADIAN RHYTHM/
80	exp SLEEP AROUSAL DISORDERS/
81	exp REM SLEEP PARASOMNIAS/
82	exp SLEEP, REM/
83	exp REM SLEEP BEHAVIOR DISORDER/
84	exp SLEEP STAGES/
85	exp SLEEP PHASE CHRONOTHERAPY/
86	exp "SLEEP INITIATION AND MAINTENANCE DISORDERS"/
87	exp SLEEP APNEA SYNDROMES/
88	(apnea OR apnoea).ti,ab,af
89	exp SLEEP/
90	exp SLEEP DEPRIVATION/
91	exp SLEEP DISORDERS, INTRINSIC/
92	exp SLEEP PARALYSIS/
93	exp SLEEP MEDICINE SPECIALTY/
94	exp SLEEP BRUXISM/
95	exp SLEEP APNEA, CENTRAL/
96	exp SLEEP-WAKE TRANSITION DISORDERS/
97	exp SLEEP APNEA, OBSTRUCTIVE/
98	(hypersomnia).ti,ab,af

99	exp "DISORDERS OF EXCESSIVE SOMNOLENCE"/
100	(narcolepsy).ti,ab,af
101	exp NARCOLEPSY/
102	(dyssomnia).ti,ab,af
103	exp DYSSOMNIAS/
104	exp AIRWAY RESISTANCE/
105	(upper airway resistance).ti,ab,af
106	exp CHEYNE-STOKES RESPIRATION/
107	(Cheyne Stokes).ti,ab,af
108	exp SLEEP/ AND exp HYPOVENTILATION/
109	(sleep hypoventilation).ti,ab,af
110	exp SLEEP/ AND exp ANOXIA/
111	(sleep hypoxemia).ti,ab,af
112	(nightmare).ti,ab,af
113	exp DREAMS/
114	exp SLEEP/ AND exp ENURESIS/
115	(sleep enuresis).ti,ab,af
116	(sleep bruxism).ti,ab,af
117	exp SLEEP BRUXISM/
118	(snoring).ti,ab,af
119	exp SNORING/
120	(Nocturnal paroxysmal dystonia).ti,ab,af
121	exp NOCTURNAL PAROXYSMAL DYSTONIA/
122	(Restless legs syndrome).ti,ab,af
123	exp RESTLESS LEGS SYNDROME/
124	(periodic limb movement disorder).ti,ab,af
125	exp NOCTURNAL MYOCLONUS SYNDROME/
126	(rhythmic movement disorder).ti,ab,af
127	(sleep walking).ti,ab,af
128	exp SOMNAMBULISM/
129	(sleep talking).ti,ab,af
130	exp SLEEP/ AND exp MYOCLONUS/
131	(sleep myoclonus).ti,ab,af
132	exp SLEEP/ AND exp HYPERHIDROSIS/
133	(sleep hyperhidrosis).ti,ab,af
134	exp SLEEP/ AND exp HALLUCINATIONS/
135	(hypnagogic hallucinations).ti,ab,af

136	(insomnia).ti,ab,af
137	POLYSOMNOGRAPHY/
138	ACTIGRAPHY/
139	(polysomnogr* OR actigr* OR accelerom*).ti,ab,af
140	(Sleep* ADJ3 (report OR questionnaire* OR index OR eval* OR diary OR diaries OR log* OR journal*)).ti,ab,af
141	(sleep ADJ3 duration).ti,ab,af
142	(sleep).ti,ab
143	(sleep*).ti,ab
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Number	Search term
1	Incidence/
2	risk factors/
3	(risk adj3 factor\$).ti,ab.
4	(Risk adj3 score).ti,ab.
5	exp Cohort Studies/
6	(cohort adj3 stud\$).ti,ab.
7	Prospective Studies/
8	(prospective adj3 stud\$).ti,ab.
9	Follow-Up Studies/
10	(Follow up adj3 stud\$).ti,ab.
11	onset.ti,ab.
12	predict\$.ti,ab.
13	inciden\$.ti,ab.
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15	Adolescent/
16	adolescen\$.ti,ab.
17	exp Child/
18	child\$.ti,ab.
19	youth.ti,ab.
20	Schools/
21	school\$.ti,ab.
22	Pediatrics/
23	pediatric\$.ti,ab.
24	paediatric\$.ti,ab.
25	young\$.ti,ab.
26	boy\$.ti,ab.
27	girl\$.ti,ab.
28	exp Puberty/
29	pubescent\$.ti,ab.
30	pubert\$.ti,ab.
31	prepubert\$.ti,ab.
32	juvenile\$.ti,ab.
33	teenage\$.ti,ab.
34	15 or 16 or 17 or 18 or 19 or 20 or 21 or 22 or 23 or 24 or 25 or 26 or 27 or 28 or 29 or 30 or

	31 or 32 or 33
35	Pain/
36	exp Back/
37	Knee/
38	Neck/
39	exp Hand/
40	Shoulder/
41	Hip/
42	exp Foot/
43	Elbow/
44	Arm/
45	Forearm/
46	Wrist/
47	Leg/
48	Ankle/
49	exp Spine/
50	36 or 37 or 38 or 39 or 40 or 41 or 42 or 43 or 44 or 45 or 46 or 47 or 48 or 49
51	35 and 50
52	(back adj3 pain).ti,ab.
53	(knee adj3 pain).ti,ab.
54	(neck adj3 pain).ti,ab.
55	(hand adj3 pain).ti,ab.
56	(shoulder adj3 pain).ti,ab.
57	(hip adj3 pain).ti,ab.
58	(foot adj3 pain).ti,ab.
59	(elbow adj3 pain).ti,ab.
60	(arm adj3 pain).ti,ab.
61	(forearm adj3 pain).ti,ab.
62	(wrist adj3 pain).ti,ab.
63	(leg adj3 pain).ti,ab.
64	(ankle adj3 pain).ti,ab.
65	(spinal adj3 pain).ti,ab.
66	backache.ti,ab.
67	Low Back Pain/
68	(low back adj3 pain).ti,ab.
69	Chronic Pain/
70	(chronic adj3 pain).ti,ab.

71	Musculoskeletal Pain/
72	(musculoskeletal adj3 pain).ti,ab.
73	(widespread adj3 pain).ti,ab.
74	(multisite adj3 pain).ti,ab.
75	(regional adj3 pain).ti,ab.
76	(juvenile adj3 fibromyalgia).ti,ab.
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## Appendix 2

### Data extraction form

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Aim of the study
Study design
Study setting
Inclusion/exclusion criteria
"Recruitment procedures used"
N participants
Age range
Sex ratio
Ethnicity
Response rate
"Information about non-responders"
Pain definition
Pain Location
Exposures analysed
Questionnaire used
Prevalence
Incidence
Length of follow-up
Statistical analyses performed
Results
Conclusions
Notes

### Appendix 3

#### Articles excluded with reason for exclusion

Broad search		
	Article reference	Reason for exclusion
1	Aartun, Ellen et al. "Spinal Pain In Adolescents: Prevalence, Incidence, And Course: A School-Based Two-Year Prospective Cohort Study In 1,300 Danes Aged 11–13". <i>BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders</i> 15.1 (2014): n. pag. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
2	Aggarwal, Vishal R. et al. "Risk Factors For Onset Of Chronic Oro-Facial Pain – Results Of The North Cheshire Oro-Facial Pain Prospective Population Study". <i>Pain</i> 149.2 (2010): 354-359. Web.	Age (18-75 years old)
3	Bakker, R. J. et al. "Risk Factors For Persistent Fatigue With Significant School Absence In Children And Adolescents". <i>PEDIATRICS</i> 124.1 (2009): e89-e95. Web.	Study design (Somatic complaints were assessed at baseline only)
4	Auvinen, Juha et al. "MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN COMBINATIONS IN ADOLESCENTS". <i>Spine &amp; NA</i> ; (2008): 44. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
5	Balagué F, Dutoit G, Waldburger M. Low back pain in schoolchildren. An epidemiological study. <i>Scand J Rehabil Med.</i> 1988;20(4):175-9.	Study design (Retrospective study)
6	Foss, Kim D. Barber et al. "Is Body Composition Associated With An Increased Risk Of Developing Anterior Knee Pain In Adolescent Female Athletes?". <i>The Physician and Sportsmedicine</i> 40.1 (2012): 13-19. Web.	Athletes
7	Bishop, Jackie L et al. "Parental Accounts Of The Prevalence, Causes And Treatments Of Limb Pain In Children Aged 5 To 13 Years: A Longitudinal Cohort Study". <i>Archives of Disease in Childhood</i> 97.1 (2010): 52-53. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor

8	Campbell, Tavis S. et al. "A Longitudinal Study Of Pain Sensitivity And Blood Pressure In Adolescent Boys: Results From A 5-Year Follow-Up.". <i>Health Psychology</i> 21.6 (2002): 594-600. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
9	Brattberg G, Wickman V. Longitudinell studie avskolelever Rehabilitera tidigt vid ryggont/huvudv'ark.L'akartidningen. 1993;90(15):1452-1460	No translation available (Article in Swedish)
10	Campbell, Tavis S. et al. "A Longitudinal Study Of Pain Sensitivity And Blood Pressure In Adolescent Boys: Results From A 5-Year Follow-Up.". <i>Health Psychology</i> 21.6 (2002): 594-600. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
11	Cottalorda J, Bourelle S, Gautheron V. Effects of backpack carrying in children. <i>Orthopedics</i> . 2004 Nov;27(11):1172-5; quiz 1176-7. Review.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
12	Crow, Justin F. et al. "Hip Adductor Muscle Strength Is Reduced Preceding And During The Onset Of Groin Pain In Elite Junior Australian Football Players". <i>Journal of Science and Medicine in Sport</i> 13.2 (2010): 202-204. Web.	Athletes
13	Diepenmaat AC, van der Wal MF, de Vet HC, Hirasig RA. Neck/shoulder, low back, and arm pain in relation to computer use, physical activity, stress, and depression among Dutch adolescents. <i>Pediatrics</i> . 2006 Feb;117(2):412-6.	Study design (Cross-sectional study)
14	Diniz MR, Sabadin PA, Leite FP, Kamizaki R. Psychological factors related to temporomandibular disorders: an evaluation of students preparing for college entrance examinations. <i>Acta Odontol Latinoam</i> . 2012;25(1):74-81.	Age (18-25 years old)
15	Driscoll, D. J., Glicklich, L. B., & Gallen, W. J. (1976). Chest pain in children: a prospective study. <i>Pediatrics</i> , 57(5), 648-651.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
16	Drouin, Sammantha and Jennifer J. McGrath. "Blood Pressure And Pain Sensitivity In Children And Adolescents". <i>Psychophysiology</i> 50.6 (2013): 513-520. Web.	No baseline pain-free group

17	Dunn, Kate M. et al. "Trajectories Of Pain In Adolescents: A Prospective Cohort Study". <i>Pain</i> 152.1 (2011): 66-73. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
18	EGGER, HELEN LINK et al. "Somatic Complaints And Psychopathology In Children And Adolescents: Stomach Aches, Musculoskeletal Pains, And Headaches". <i>Journal of the American Academy of Child &amp; Adolescent Psychiatry</i> 38.7 (1999): 852-860. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
19	El-Metwally, Ashraf et al. "Prognosis Of Non-Specific Musculoskeletal Pain In Preadolescents: A Prospective 4-Year Follow-Up Study Till Adolescence". <i>Pain</i> 110.3 (2004): 550-559. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
20	El-Metwally, A. "Lower Limb Pain In A Preadolescent Population: Prognosis And Risk Factors For Chronicity--A Prospective 1- And 4-Year Follow-Up Study". <i>PEDIATRICS</i> 116.3 (2005): 673-681. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
21	Finnoff, Jonathan T. et al. "Hip Strength And Knee Pain In High School Runners: A Prospective Study". <i>PM&amp;R</i> 3.9 (2011): 792-801. Web.	Athletes
22	Finnoff, Jonathan T. et al. "Hip Strength And Knee Pain In High School Runners: A Prospective Study". <i>PM&amp;R</i> 3.9 (2011): 792-801. Web.	Athletes
23	Baker, A. D. L. (2014). Risk Factors in Low-back Pain. An Epidemiological Survey. In P. A. Banaszkiwicz & D. F. Kader (Eds.), <i>Classic Papers in Orthopaedics</i> (pp. 261–263). London: Springer London. doi:10.1007/978-1-4471-5451-8_64	Age (18-55 years old)
24	Fyfe, D. A. and D. S. Moodie. "Chest Pain In Pediatric Patients Presenting To A Cardiac Clinic". <i>Clinical Pediatrics</i> 23.6 (1984): 321-324. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor

25	Geldhof, Elisabeth et al. "Back Posture Education In Elementary Schoolchildren: A 2-Year Follow-Up Study". <i>European Spine Journal</i> 16.6 (2006): 841-850. Web.	Study design (Back education programme)
26	McCrory, P. "Neovascularisation And Pain In Jumper's Knee: A Prospective Clinical And Sonographic Study In Elite Junior Volleyball Players". <i>Yearbook of Sports Medicine</i> 2006 (2006): 63-64. Web.	Athletes
27	Grimmer, K, L Nyland, and S Milanese. "Repeated Measures Of Recent Headache, Neck And Upper Back Pain In Australian Adolescents". <i>Cephalalgia</i> 26.7 (2006): 843-851. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
28	Grimmer, Karen, Leah Nyland, and Steve Milanese. "Longitudinal Investigation Of Low Back Pain In Australian Adolescents: A Five-Year Study". <i>Physiotherapy Research International</i> 11.3 (2006): 161-172. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
29	Iwamoto, J. et al. "Relationship Between Radiographic Abnormalities Of Lumbar Spine And Incidence Of Low Back Pain In High School Rugby Players: A Prospective Study". <i>Scandinavian Journal of Medicine and Science in Sports</i> 15.3 (2005): 163-168. Web.	Athletes
30	Hanvold, Therese N., Kaj B. Veiersted, and Morten Wærsted. "A Prospective Study Of Neck, Shoulder, And Upper Back Pain Among Technical School Students Entering Working Life". <i>Journal of Adolescent Health</i> 46.5 (2010): 488-494. Web.	Age (17 at baseline, 20 at follow-up)
31	Hanvold TN, Wærsted M, Veiersted KB. Long periods with uninterrupted muscle activity related to neck and shoulder pain. <i>Work</i> . 2012;41 Suppl 1:2535-8. doi: 10.3233/WOR-2012-0494-2535.	Age (Mean age 22 years old)

32	Harringe, M. L. et al. "Low Back Pain In Young Female Gymnasts And The Effect Of Specific Segmental Muscle Control Exercises Of The Lumbar Spine: A Prospective Controlled Intervention Study". <i>Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology, Arthroscopy</i> 15.10 (2007): 1264-1271. Web.	Athletes
33	Hickey, Gregory J., Peter A. Fricker, and Warren A. McDonald. "Injuries To Young Elite Female Basketball Players Over A Six-Year Period". <i>Clinical Journal of Sport Medicine</i> 7.4 (1997): 252-256. Web.	Athletes
34	Hjelm, N., S. Werner, and P. Renstrom. "Injury Risk Factors In Junior Tennis Players: A Prospective 2-Year Study". <i>Scandinavian Journal of Medicine &amp; Science in Sports</i> 22.1 (2010): 40-48. Web.	Athletes
35	Hjelm, Nina, Suzanne Werner, and Per Renstrom. "Injury Profile In Junior Tennis Players: A Prospective Two Year Study". <i>Knee Surgery, Sports Traumatology, Arthroscopy</i> 18.6 (2010): 845-850. Web.	Athletes
36	Iwamoto, J. et al. "Relationship Between Radiographic Abnormalities Of Lumbar Spine And Incidence Of Low Back Pain In High School Rugby Players: A Prospective Study". <i>Scandinavian Journal of Medicine and Science in Sports</i> 15.3 (2005): 163-168. Web.	Athletes
37	Iwamoto, J. "Relationship Between Radiographic Abnormalities Of Lumbar Spine And Incidence Of Low Back Pain In High School And College Football Players: A Prospective Study". <i>American Journal of Sports Medicine</i> 32.3 (2004): 781-786. Web.	Athletes
38	Jacchia GE, Butler UP, Innocenti M, Capone A. Low back pain in athletes: pathogenetic mechanisms and therapy. <i>Chir Organi Mov.</i> 1994 Jan-Mar;79(1):47-53	Athletes

39	Janssens, Karin A.M. et al. "An Inactive Lifestyle And Low Physical Fitness Are Associated With Functional Somatic Symptoms In Adolescents. The TRAILS Study". <i>Journal of Psychosomatic Research</i> 76.6 (2014): 454-457. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
40	Jones, Gareth T. and Gary J. Macfarlane. "Predicting Persistent Low Back Pain In Schoolchildren: A Prospective Cohort Study". <i>Arthritis &amp; Rheumatism</i> 61.10 (2009): 1359-1366. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
41	Juul-Kristensen, B. et al. "Generalized Joint Hypermobility In Childhood Is Both A Contributive And Predictive Risk Factor For Pain Development In Adolescence: A Cohort Study". <i>Osteoarthritis and Cartilage</i> 22 (2014): S216. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
42	Karjalainen, Ulla et al. "Role Of Environmental Factors And History Of Low Back Pain In Sciatica Symptoms Among Finnish Adolescents". <i>Spine</i> 38.13 (2013): 1105-1111. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
43	Karterud, S., & Kogstad, O. (1978). [Low back pain. Diagnostic, therapeutic and prognostic aspects]. <i>Tidsskrift for den Norske laegeforening : tidsskrift for praktisk medicin, ny raekke</i> , 98(25), 1215-1217.	No translation available (Article in Norwegian)
44	Kashikar-Zuck, S. et al. "Controlled Follow-Up Study Of Physical And Psychosocial Functioning Of Adolescents With Juvenile Primary Fibromyalgia Syndrome". <i>Rheumatology</i> 49.11 (2010): 2204-2209. Web.	Age (Age range 15-23 years old)
45	Kaspiris A, Grivas TB, Zafiropoulou C, Vasiliadis E, Tsadira O. Nonspecific low back pain during childhood: a retrospective epidemiological study of risk factors. <i>J Clin Rheumatol</i> . 2010 Mar;16(2):55-60. doi: 10.1097/RHU.0b013e3181cf3527.	Study design (Retrospective study)
46	Kjaer, Per et al. "Prevalence And Tracking Of Back Pain From Childhood To Adolescence". <i>BMC Musculoskeletal Disorders</i> 12.1 (2011): n. pag. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor



47	Koh, Min Jung et al. "The Effect Of Education On Decreasing The Prevalence And Severity Of Neck And Shoulder Pain: A Longitudinal Study In Korean Male Adolescents". <i>Korean Journal of Anesthesiology</i> 67.3 (2014): 198. Web.	Study design (Back programme)
48	Kola, I. et al. "Vertebral Column Deformities In Obese Children In Albania". <i>Annals of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine</i> 57 (2014): e322. Web.	Not retrieved
49	Korovessis, P., Repantis, T., & Baikousis, A. (2010). Factors affecting low back pain in adolescents. <i>Journal of Spinal Disorders &amp; Techniques</i> , 23(8), 513–520	No information on sleep as a risk factor
50	Kriegeskorte V. Back pain: Children and adolescents are also affected. [in German] <i>Kompodium Orthop. Unfallchir. Rheumatol.</i> 2008;1(1):7	Not retrieved
51	Kujala UM, Taimela S, Oksanen A, Salminen JJ. "Lumbar mobility and low back pain during adolescence. A longitudinal three-year follow-up study in athletes and controls". <i>Am J Sports Med.</i> 1997 May-Jun;25(3):363-8.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
52	Kujala, U. M. et al. "Baseline Anthropometry, Flexibility And Strength Characteristics And Future Low-Back Pain In Adolescent Athletes And Nonathletes". <i>Scandinavian Journal of Medicine &amp; Science in Sports</i> 4.3 (2007): 200-205. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
53	KUJALA, URHO M. et al. "Low-Back Pain In Adolescent Athletes". <i>Medicine &amp; Science in Sports &amp; Exercise</i> 28.2 (1996): 165-170. Web.	Athletes
54	Lebkowski WJ. ["Back pain" in teenagers and young adults]. <i>Pol Merkur Lekarski.</i> 1997 Feb;2(8):111-2.	Age (Age range 17 - 24 years old)
55	Lee, Joon-Hee et al. "Trunk Muscle Weakness As A Risk Factor For Low Back Pain". <i>Spine</i> 24.1 (1999): 54-57. Web.	Age (Age range 17 - 22 years old)

56	Logan, Deirdre E. et al. "Changes In Sleep Habits In Adolescents During Intensive Interdisciplinary Pediatric Pain Rehabilitation". <i>Journal of Youth and Adolescence</i> 44.2 (2014): 543-555. Web.	Study design (Rehabilitation program)
57	Lyman S, Fleisig GS, Andrews JR, Osinski ED. Effect of pitch type, pitch count, and pitching mechanics on risk of elbow and shoulder pain in youth baseball pitchers. <i>Am J Sports Med.</i> 2002 Jul-Aug;30(4):463-8.	Athletes
58	Lyman S, Fleisig GS, Waterbor JW, Funkhouser EM, Pulley L, Andrews JR, Osinski ED, Roseman JM. Longitudinal study of elbow and shoulder pain in youth baseball pitchers. <i>Med Sci Sports Exerc.</i> 2001 Nov;33(11):1803-10.	Athletes
59	MacDonald, James and Pierre D'Hemecourt. "Back Pain In The Adolescent Athlete". <i>Pediatric Annals</i> 36.11 (2007): 703-712. Web.	Athletes
60	Magni, G., G. Canton, and L. Gallimberti. "Pain Symptoms In An Adolescent Italian Population". <i>European Journal of Pediatrics</i> 149.8 (1990): 592-593. Web.	Study design (Cross-sectional study)
61	Shrier I, Ehrmann-Feldman D, Rossignol M, Abenhaim L. Risk factors for development of lower limb pain in adolescents. <i>J Rheumatol.</i> 2001 Mar;28(3):604-9.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
62	Mattila, Ville M. et al. "Predictors Of Low Back Pain Hospitalization – A Prospective Follow-Up Of 57,408 Adolescents". <i>Pain</i> 139.1 (2008): 209-217. Web.	Age (Age at baseline 14-18 and 25-29 years old at follow-up).
63	McKenna, Leanda, Leon Straker, and Anne Smith. "Can Scapular And Humeral Head Position Predict Shoulder Pain In Adolescent Swimmers And Non-Swimmers?". <i>Journal of Sports Sciences</i> 30.16 (2012): 1767-1776. Web.	Athletes

64	Meienburg M., Kjaer P., Lebouef-Yde C., Wedderkopp N. "Low back pain and physical activity in childhood and youth: Longitudinal associations." <i>Scand. J. Rheumatol.</i> 2012;41:36-37.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
65	Mikkelsen, Marja et al. "Contributing Factors To The Persistence Of Musculoskeletal Pain In Preadolescents: A Prospective 1-Year Follow-Up Study". <i>Pain</i> 77.1 (1998): 67-72. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
66	Mikkelsen, Marja, Jouko J Salminen, and Hannu Kautiainen. "Non-Specific Musculoskeletal Pain In Preadolescents. Prevalence And 1-Year Persistence". <i>Pain</i> 73.1 (1997): 29-35. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
67	Milicić G, Krolo I, Anticević D, Roić G, Zadavec D, Bojić D, Fattorini MZ, Bumci I. Causal connection of non-specific low back pain and disc degeneration in children with transitional vertebra and/or Spina bifida occulta: role of magnetic resonance--prospective study. <i>Coll Antropol.</i> 2012 Jun;36(2):627-33	No baseline pain-free group
68	Mirovsky, Yigal et al. "Non-Specific Back Pain In Children And Adolescents: A Prospective Study Until Maturity". <i>Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics, Part B</i> 11.4 (2002): 275-278. Web.	No baseline pain-free group
69	Murray, Caitlin B. et al. "Pain And Sleep-Wake Disturbances In Adolescents With Depressive Disorders". <i>Journal of Clinical Child &amp; Adolescent Psychology</i> 41.4 (2012): 482-490. Web.	Study design (Cross-sectional study)
70	Nagashima, Masaki et al. "Risk Factors For Lumbar Disc Degeneration In High School American Football Players". <i>The American Journal of Sports Medicine</i> 41.9 (2013): 2059-2064. Web.	Athletes
71	Nelson-Wong, Erika and Jack P. Callaghan. "Transient Low Back Pain Development During Standing Predicts Future Clinical Low Back Pain In Previously Asymptomatic Individuals". <i>Spine</i> 39.6 (2014): E379-E383. Web.	Age (Age range 18-50 years old)

72	Nemec V. Growth pain and articular hypermobility in children. [in Czech] Cesko-Slov. Pediatr.. 2005;60(11):606-611	No translation available (Article in Czech)
73	Nilsson IM. Reliability, validity, incidence and impact of temporomandibular pain disorders in adolescents. Swed Dent J Suppl. 2007;(183):7-86.	Not retrieved
74	G. Dahmen H. Gehring T. Meier P. Schmucker A. Ziegler A. Roth-Isigkeit. Pain in boys and girls: Preliminary results of a 1-year follow-up survey. Monatsschrift Kinderheilkunde vol. 157 issue 4 pp: 361-367	No information on sleep as a risk factor
75	Poussa, Mikko S. et al. "Predictors Of Neck Pain: A Cohort Study Of Children Followed Up From The Age Of 11 To 22 Years". <i>European Spine Journal</i> 14.10 (2005): 1033-1036. Web.	Age (Age at follow-up 22 years old)
76	Poussa, Mikko S. et al. "Anthropometric Measurements And Growth As Predictors Of Low-Back Pain: A Cohort Study Of Children Followed Up From The Age Of 11 To 22 Years". <i>European Spine Journal</i> 14.6 (2005): 595-598. Web.	Age (Age at follow-up 23 years old)
77	Prendeville K, Dockrell S: A pilot survey to investigate the incidence of low back pain in school children. <i>Physiotherapy Ireland</i> . 1998, 19: 3-7	No information on sleep as a risk factor
78	Purcell L. Causes and prevention of low back pain in young athletes. <i>Paediatr Child Health</i> . 2009 Oct;14(8):533-8	Athletes
79	Rabbits, J. et al. "Bidirectional Associations Between Pain And Physical Activity In Adolescents". <i>The Journal of Pain</i> 13.4 (2012): S33. Web.	Study design (Case-control study)
80	Rathleff CR, Olesen JL, Roos EM, Rasmussen S, Rathleff MS. Half of 12-15-year-olds with knee pain still have pain after one year. <i>Dan Med J</i> . 2013 Nov;60(11):A4725	No baseline pain-free group

81	Reinking, Mark F., Tricia M. Austin, and Ann M. Hayes. "Risk Factors For Self-Reported Exercise-Related Leg Pain In High School Cross-Country Athletes". <i>Journal of Athletic Training</i> 45.1 (2010): 51-57. Web.	Athletes
82	Reinking, Mark F., Tricia M. Austin, and Ann M. Hayes. "Exercise-Related Leg Pain In Collegiate Cross-Country Athletes: Extrinsic And Intrinsic Risk Factors". <i>Journal of Orthopaedic &amp; Sports Physical Therapy</i> 37.11 (2007): 670-678. Web.	Athletes
83	Rocha, E. M. and K. M. Prkachin. "Temperament And Pain Reactivity Predict Health Behavior Seven Years Later". <i>Journal of Pediatric Psychology</i> 32.4 (2006): 393-399. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor
84	Rozenberg S, Bourgeois P. "Are children also fated to develop back pain?" <i>Rev Rhum Engl Ed.</i> 1999 Jul-Sep;66(7-9):365-6.	Not retrieved
85	Salminen JJ. Low back pain: prevalence and risk factors in children and adolescents. <i>Eur J Chiropractic.</i> 2002;49(1):18-22	Study design (Review)
86	Salminen, Jouko J. et al. "Recurrent Low Back Pain And Early Disc Degeneration In The Young". <i>Spine</i> 24.13 (1999): 1316. Web.	Age (Age at follow-up 23 years old)
87	Salminen JJ, Kujala U. [Frequency and back ground of back pains in young persons]. <i>Duodecim.</i> 1999;115(16):1773-8	No translation available (Article in Finnish)
88	Sano, Atsuki et al. "Body Mass Index Is Associated With Low Back Pain In Childhood And Adolescence: A Birth Cohort Study With A 6-Year Follow-Up In Niigata City, Japan". <i>European Spine Journal</i> 24.3 (2014): 474-481. Web.	No information on sleep as a risk factor

89	Sato, T., Ito, T., Hirano, T., Morita, O., Kikuchi, R., Endo, N., & Tanabe, N. (2008). Low back pain in childhood and adolescence: A cross-sectional study in Niigata City. <i>European Spine Journal</i> , 17(11), 1441–1447. doi:10.1007/s00586-008-0788-5	Study design (Cross-sectional study)
90	Ledig T. Chest pain in general practice. [in German] <i>MMW-Fortschr. Med.</i> . 2013;155(12):35-37.	Not retrieved
91	Selbst SM, Ruddy R, Clark BJ. Chest pain in children. Follow-up of patients previously reported. <i>Clin Pediatr (Phila)</i> . 1990 Jul;29(7):374-7.	Not retrieved
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