


Beyond Biology: The Personality Underpinnings of Chronic Pain

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The letter makes a significant contribution by highlighting an often-overlooked aspect of chronic pain management. To further enhance its originality, the authors could briefly mention any ongoing or future research projects they are aware of that specifically aim to explore the intersection of personality and chronic pain.

The discussion on the Big Five personality traits is insightful. Adding a subsection that discusses potential mechanisms through which these traits affect chronic pain perception and management would deepen the reader's understanding of the subject matter.

The letter briefly mentions the potential for personalized treatment plans. Expanding on this point by providing a more detailed discussion of how such plans could be developed and implemented in clinical settings would greatly enhance the practical relevance of the letter.

The conclusion is strong and compelling. To make it even more impactful, consider including a call to action for researchers and practitioners to collaborate on developing interdisciplinary treatment models that fully integrate psychological assessments.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While the paper covers a range of mechanisms linking psychological states to immune function, the argument sometimes lacks coherence, jumping between topics without fully exploring the implications of each. Structuring the paper to sequentially address how stress and emotions separately and jointly influence immunity could enhance clarity.

The review of existing literature is comprehensive but somewhat lacks critical evaluation. Future revisions should aim to not only describe findings from cited works but also critically assess the strengths and limitations of these studies, and how they relate to the paper's thesis.

Ensure that all referenced studies are accurately cited and that the bibliography is formatted consistently. Including more recent studies could also enhance the paper's relevance and authority.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

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