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Dear Editor:

I wish to submit a research report for publication in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*, titled “Workplace Bullying and Musculoskeletal Disorders: The Mediating Role of Job-Related Psychological Strain.” The paper was coauthored by [] .

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This study obtained self-reports of musculoskeletal issues, workplace bullying, and perceived psychological strain in Italian supermarket employees. We believe that our study makes a significant contribution to the literature because it illustrates that work-related psychological strain indeed mediates the relationship between workplace bullying and musculoskeletal disorders of the back and neck, but not those of the shoulders.

Further, we believe that this paper will be of interest to the readership of your journal because the data have practical implications and applications in terms of the need to address both bullying and job-related strain.

This manuscript has not been published or presented elsewhere in part or in entirety and is not under consideration by another journal. All study participants provided informed consent, and the study design was approved by the appropriate ethics review board. We have read and understood your journal’s policies, and we believe that neither the manuscript nor the study violates any of these. There are no conflicts of interest to declare.

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