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DISABILITY & PSYCHOMETRY IN PATIENTS
WITH LOW BACK PAIN*

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- BDI : Beck Depression Inventory
- CNS : Central nervous system
- CRP : C - reactive protein .
- CT : Computerized Tomography
- DSEP : Dermatomal Somatosensory evoked potential
- EMG : Electromyography
- EP : Evoked Potentials
- ESR : Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate .
- FLP : Functional limitations profile .
- ISOM : Maximum Isometric torque .
- LBP : Low Back Pain .
- LBPD : Low back pain disability
- MMPI : Minnesota Multiphasic personality Inventory
- MRI : Magnetic Resonance Image
- OOC : Occupational Orthopedic center
- PSA : Prostate Specific Antigen
- ROM : Range of motion .

Introduction and Aim of the work

Introduction :

Low back pain is the most frequent musculoskeletal complaint at all ages in all strata of the population (**Handler , 1993**) . It is the most common cause of impairment of activity in persons less than forty five years old (**Anderson , 1981**) .

From the medical point of view , the most fundamental problem in dealing with back pain is determining its actual cause . With a thorough medical history , and physical examination of the individual, the physician can often categorize back pain as muscular or pathological (**Bigos & Battie , 1987**) .

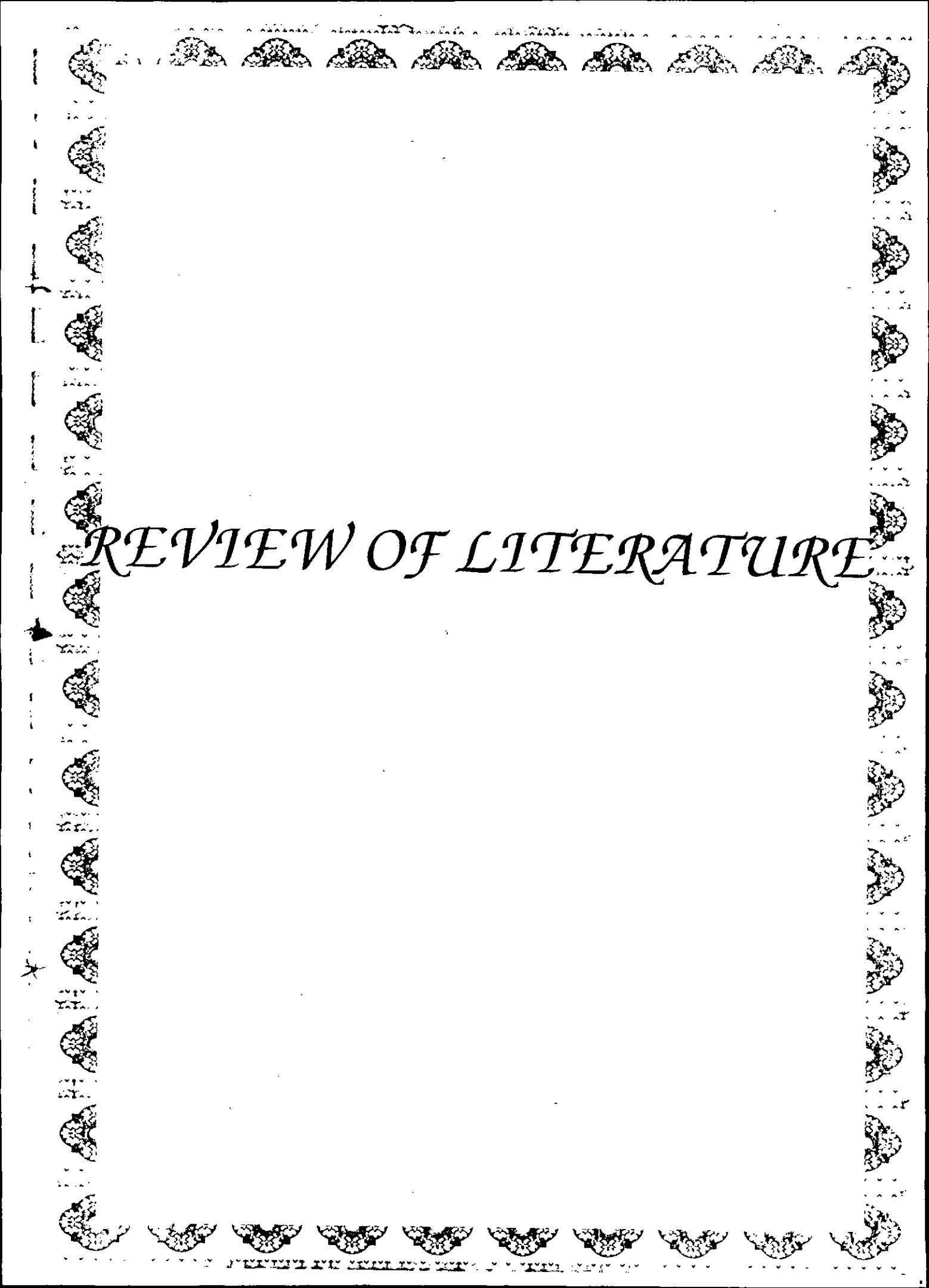
Without establishing a specific anatomical etiology for back pain, determining the appropriate treatment becomes very difficult . The need to objectively define non specific back pain in a clinically relevant way is a major issue for a back evaluation system to address (**Wiesel et al. , 1980**) .

Psychological factor are dominant in the presentation of chronic low back pain in adults and the disorder is not primarily a musculoskeletal one (**Sikorski et al. 1996**) .

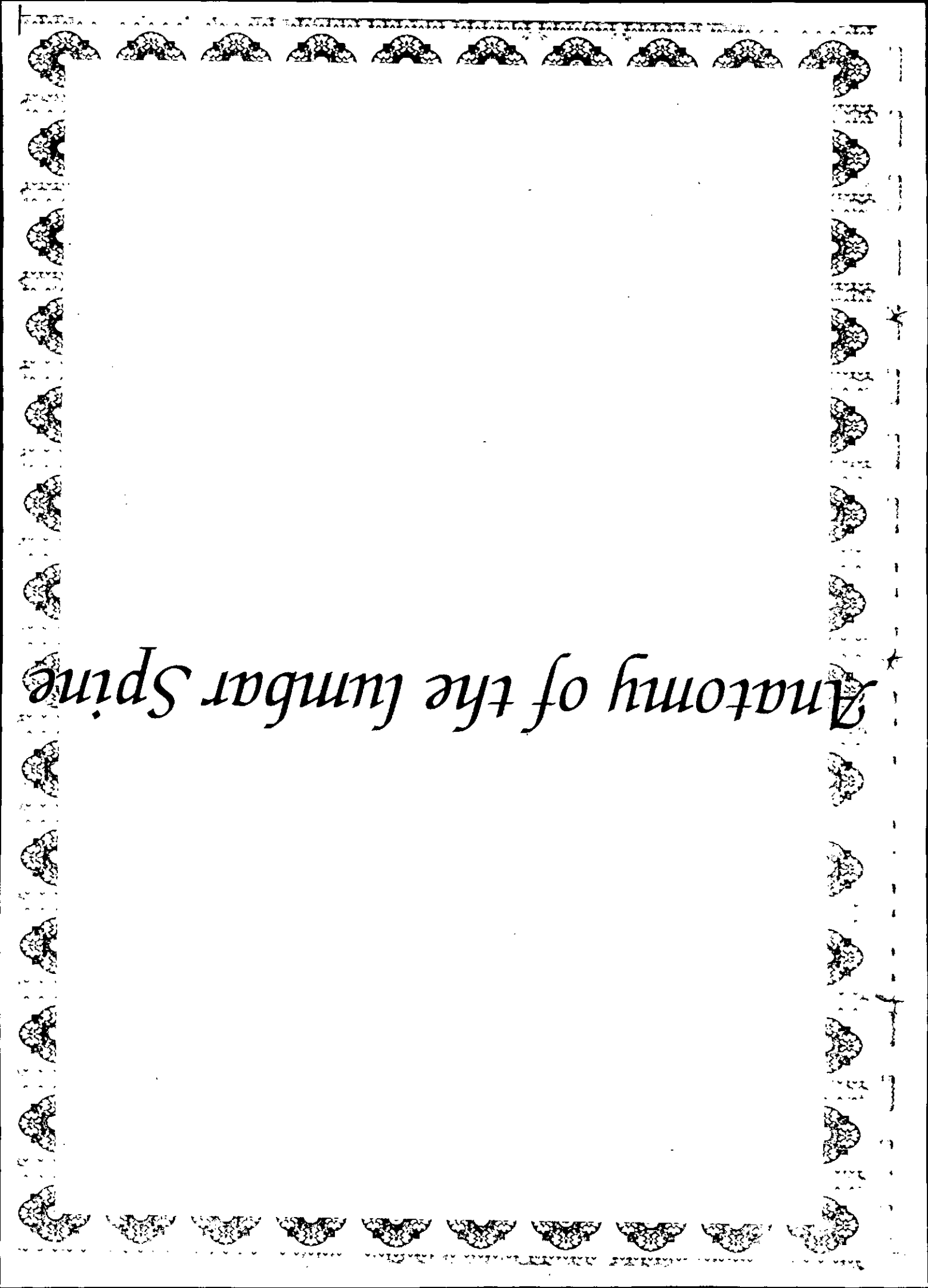
Objective measurement of lumbar function has been shown to be effective in evaluating and treating patients with non-specific back pain. Such an approach contrasts with the traditional reliance on the patient's decreasing pain symptoms to indicate recovery. Objective measurement relies instead on quantitative data, even with persistent pain to demonstrate restoration of function (Mayer, 1985).

Aim of the work :

The aim of this work is to study the intercorrelations between trunk function, disability and psychological aspect in patients with low back pain.



REVIEW OF LITERATURE



Anatomy of the lumbar spine

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Lumbar vertebrae

The Lumbar spine is composed of five vertebrae. Each vertebra consists of a body anteriorly and a neural arch posteriorly that encloses the vertebral canal. The spinal cord and cauda equina pass through and protected by the structures surrounding the vertebral canal.

The neural arch has two pedicles on its sides and lamina posteriorly. A spinous process projects posteriorly from the lamina in the midline and is usually palpable through the skin. A transverse process projects laterally from each side at the junction of the pedicle and lamina (Louis, 1983), Fig. (1).

The Body :

The body of each vertebra has a dense bony cortex surrounding spongy medullary bone. The cortices of the inferior and superior aspects of the body are called the vertebral endplates. The endplate which is thicker in its center is covered by a cartilagenous plate. The periphery of the endplate is thickened to form a distinct rim that is derived from the periphery plate and become fused to the body at 15 years of age (Borenstein et al., 1995).

The body of the vertebra is large and wide from side to side than forward and backwards. The ring of cortical bone at the periphery acts as an anchoring ring for the attachment of the