

APPEAL NO. 010463

This appeal arises pursuant to the Texas Workers' Compensation Act, TEX. LAB. CODE ANN. § 401.001 *et seq.* (1989 Act). A contested case hearing was held on January 31, 2001. The hearing officer determined that the compensable thoracic injury of the appellant (claimant) did not extend to the cervical area or to carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS), but that it did extend to the right scapular region. Claimant appealed the determination regarding extent of injury and the cervical area and CTS on sufficiency grounds. Respondent (carrier) responded that the Appeals Panel should affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

DECISION

We affirm.

Claimant appealed the determination regarding extent of injury and the cervical area and CTS on sufficiency grounds. The matters claimant complained of in his brief primarily concerned credibility and fact issues, which were for the hearing officer to consider. We have reviewed the complained-of determination and we conclude that it is not so against the great weight and preponderance of the evidence as to be clearly wrong or manifestly unjust. Cain v. Bain, 709 S.W.2d 175, 176 (Tex. 1986).

We affirm the hearing officer's decision and order.

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Judy L. S. Barnes  
Appeals Judge

CONCUR:

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Elaine M. Chaney  
Appeals Judge

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Philip F. O'Neill  
Appeals Judge