Reviewer's report

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I would still like to see a brief discussion or acknowledgement of the extent to which effects associated with low education and manual work status may overlap (and which the authors agree is an interesting question). However, I consider this discretionary and am otherwise satisfied with the manuscript in its revised form.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.