Reviewer's report

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Major Compulsory Revisions, methods:
I wrongfully assumed that absenteeism was categorized instead of being included in the analyses as a continuous outcome, apologies for my misunderstanding. It is now explicitly stated by the authors that no categories or dichotomized variable was created.

As the revised discussion section is rather long and considering the overlap between the last two paragraphs of the manuscript, I think the last paragraph of the revised discussion section could be omitted.

Otherwise I am satisfied with the revisions.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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