Reviewer's report

Title: Work-related pesticide poisoning among farmers in two villages of Southern China: a cross-sectional survey

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Major Compulsory revisions
The article may be suitably condensed to words ranging from 1,000 to 1,500.

Minor Essential revisions
The following corrections are recommended

1) Table 1: The P values for variations in demographic characters is not necessary.

2) The Univariate analysis Multivariable Risk Ratios may be incorporated directly into the respective tables in Table 5 and Table 1, Table 3 and Table 4 respectively.

3) Table 5 not necessary.

4) Table 1 and Table 3 can be merged into a single Table 1.

5) The number of References may be reduced to 15-20.

6) The scale used to score the self assessment questionnaire has not been mentioned. Please mention the scale used to evaluate the self assessment scores.

Discretionary Revisions

1) It is recommended that the authors may classify the symptoms based on severity and causality using WHO standards.

2) Please mention whether any of the observed symptoms were life threatening or even lethal.

3) It is recommended to mention the mortality rates associated with work-related pesticide poisoning in the introduction or in the discussion.

4) There is no mention of carry home pesticides. I recommend that authors highlight the importance of carry pesticide residues in their clothes or skin.

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 financial or non-financial competing interests below.