Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of low back pain and occupational risk factors among the Chinese coal miners

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Reviewer: Matthew Thiese

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Overall, I believe that this research topic is cogent to the audience, and I did not identify any fatal flaws in the study design or execution. I do have significant reservations about missing information, results, and discussion/conclusions drawn. Additionally, there are significant number of typos and poorly worded sentences with improper grammar or sentence structure.

Exact details are included in the attached document.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.