Reviewer's report

Title: Obesity, blood pressure, glucose and lipid metabolism among permanent and fixed-term workers in the manufacturing industry: a cross-sectional study

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Dear editor,

The authors have put a lot of work in improving the readability and the quality of the paper, which has improved the paper considerably. Therefore, I would like to advice on publication of this paper.

However, two issues remain that I would like to see changed in the paper.

Major Compulsory Revision:

1) In the discussion section of the paper I miss the discussion of the exclusion of almost 1000 employees from the 2674 employees in the manufacturing sector to N=1701. The authors reply to my previous comment on this issue, but they do not include this information in their discussion. I think that the reader wants to know the characteristics of the excluded employees and even more importantly whether the excluded employees have a different risk of the outcome measures studied and thus whether this could have impacted their results (bias? Leading to overestimation or underestimation or no bias). I think this is important, since this concerns a reduction of almost two thirds of the original population.

Minor essential revision:

2) Another issue that should be included in the background of the paper is the explanation why objective measures are important. Again, the authors give a clear response or explanation why this is important, but they do not incorporate in the text of the paper. I think inclusion of their explanation will improve the understanding of why this paper is relevant and why it makes a contribution to the existing evidence.