**Reviewer’s report**

**Title:** Design of a RCT evaluating the (cost-)effectiveness of a lifestyle intervention for male construction workers at risk for cardiovascular disease: The Health under Construction study

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**Reviewer:** Alex Burdorf

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**General**

In accordance with the CONSORT statement

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**Major Compulsory Revisions** (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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**Minor Essential Revisions** (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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**Discretionary Revisions** (which the author can choose to ignore)

1. I would recommend repeating the abbreviations mentioned in the abstract section.
2. References to Dutch literature, please translate titles.
3. Figure 1, PAGO ?? should be PHS I think
4. Page 13 ‘the counsellor will make sure that the worker fully understands this information’, sounds wonderful but how will this be achieved. I suggest a less strong statement

**What next?**: Accept after discretionary 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