Reviewer's report

Title: Reanalysis of updated mortality among vinyl and polyvinyl chloride workers: confirmation of historical evidence and new findings

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General

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

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

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

Introduction
para 2 line 1. Change "subject" to "focus" ("subject" makes it seem as though the workers are being sued.

Subjects...
para 1 line 2. Change "Porto Marghera (Venezia, Italy)" to Porto Marghera (near Venice, Italy)"

para 4. Change "previously reported causes of death as being associated to" to "causes of death previously reported as being associated with"

Discussion
para 4 line 1. Change "An increased mortality" to "Increased mortality"
para 5 line 6. Change "increase was not" to "the increases were not"

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