Reviewer's report

Title: Alcohol use and misuse: What is the contribution of occupation and work organization conditions?

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This is a succinct study that tests three hypotheses concerning the relationship between one's occupation/workplace factors and alcohol consumption. The findings should be of interest to occupational alcohol researchers. Overall, the literature review is concise and the analysis seems reasonable, although the author could add more caveats to the study limitations section on page 21.

However, there are a number of minor essential revisions: substantial editing by a native English speaker would make the currently substandard abstract and entire manuscript body more acceptable for publication in this journal. As written, many sentences are carelessly presented, leaving out significant words such as of or an. The subjects and verbs do not always agree in number (as one example, the title should be "Alcohol use and misuse: What are the contributions of occupation and work organization conditions?" instead of "Alcohol use and misuse: What is the contribution of occupation and work organization conditions?"). Also, throughout the manuscript, the tense wobbles between the past tense and the present. A simple solution to this would be to follow the standard approach of putting all statements in the past tense, especially when referring to the analysis and the conclusions.

The formatting of references is inconsistent and should be tightened up if the paper is published. The conclusions require a bit of a leap of generalizing from the specific measures that were available to be analyzed from the QHSS and the broad conclusions. Acknowledging this leap more fully in the study limitations section would forestall major criticism.

Some specific examples of editing needs:

Second line of abstract on page to:
conditions on alcohol use and misuse. It bases on a social action model that... should be:
conditions to alcohol use and misuse. It is based on a social action model that...

In the middle of that page:
only workplace harassment is as important determinants of... should be:
only workplace harassment is an important determinant of...
There are at least one or two such examples on every page that need to be fixed. Also overly lax writing on page 16 is not acceptable:

This sequencing of models allowed to verify the first (H1) and the third (H3) hypothesis.

should perhaps be:

This sequencing of models allowed us to test the first (H1) and the third (H3) hypotheses.

BMC readers expect a more precise standard of writing than is currently found in this manuscript.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**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:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.