Reviewer's report

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Major compulsory revisions

The authors have provided a thoughtful response. I would like to see a stronger statement in the conclusions and in the abstract that, given the absence of occupational exposure data, and the exclusion of milder cases, that the conclusions are primarily hypothesis generating regarding a causal link between household chores and CTS.

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