Reviewer's report

Title: Incidence and predictors of onboard injuries among Sri Lankan flight attendants

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References and citations:
1. It should be consistent.
2. Lack of citations found in text. For instance: In page 3-line 9 which is opening sentence for background section also line 12 and line 19 of the same page require citation too. Line 8 from Page 4 is stating existing information which requires citation too.
3. It seems to me that this citation didn’t follow BMJ style.
4. In reference listing (bibliography) ref #4 and #6 seems to me same report.
5. Also in ref # 6 instead of Author’s last and initial for first name style, current author wrote full name of that article’s author.
6. Ref #9 also requires rework, and in BMJ World Wide Web site citation has different style.

The guideline for BMJ publication will help to correct writing references. Also Citation for existing information is very important.

Result:

Result part and its related text require some re-work. In abstract it is reported total 326 but in body text it is 324(also in all table titles). Out of 322 were accepted for analysis. It will be better if 322 is reported to top (instead of 324 which is total interviewed) of all table because in table total response is 322.

In page 7 all risk factor described with odds ratio: Since odds ratios came similar in two responses, it will be better to keep two digits after decimal to provide clear information to reader.

In abstract and also in text a total 100 of fall slips and trips were reported but in table it is not reported. Only 22 falls, and slips reported which is the number for single injury issue. This 100 and 22 number issue need to re-work in tables. In table all p values will make this table better to understand. Using p=<=.2 is too conservative. I think it will be better to go for P=<=0.05.

Re-working Statistical part will make this article interesting to its readers. Some graphical re-presentation will make even attractive.
Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'