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In considering the revised paper and the reviews I am in favour of publication in spite of the obvious limitations, first of all limited study size (given the study objectives), uncertainties with respect to preferential selection depending on manual labour and with respect to how the reference group was established. It is a little strange that the risk is highly increased in all types of blue collar work and even among nurses. If the decision is to publish I would suggest that the limitations are reflected to a much higher degree in the conclusion.