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Comments on “Cumulative occupational lumbar load and lumbar disc disease – results of a German multi-center case-control study”

This is well organized well written manuscript. It addresses an important issue for people working in the area of Ergonomics. Autopsy studies have shown that people engaged in heavy lifting do experience disc degeneration. This study supplements that.

Can the authors give a range of load carried (say 700N to 1500N) and the average

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 interest