Reviewer's report

Title: A systematic review of musculoskeletal disorders in the teaching profession

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Comment
This is a well balanced article which demonstrates an unbiased approach. The work is systematic and is characterized by good internal editing. Criteria for aspects as discussing the methodology, inclusion criteria of the search and limitations of the study were met.

Discretionary comment:
Not for publication
The word ?surprisingly? may be construed as portraying bias from the authors. However, when considered in the light of the rest of the article it obviously is not. In my opinion it may be worth the effort to change this word in the places it occur with more neutral terms.
At the Discussion on page 15 an explanation of the norms for ?high risk? could assist the reader.