Reviewer's report

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General

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
p.11, para 4 (style): drop "for" in "choose for the occupational health database"

Minor Compulsory Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
p.5, para 2, sentence 2: define comparison exactly and add comparison group after: "between the Graded activity Group", (and the usual care group?)

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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