Reviewer’s report

Title: Hard physical work combined with heavy smoking or overweight may result in so-called Modic changes

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Reviewer: Massimo Mariconda

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General
I believe that the revised version of the manuscript meets most of my criticism even though it should be highlighted that this study must be considered a preliminary investigation based upon an already existing data base.

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

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests