Reviewer's report

Title: Relationship between working with Video Display Terminals (VDT) and frequency of dermatologic manifestations in office workers: a cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Yasushi Okubo

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General
Authors have revised their manuscript. They have responded to some of my questions. They developed their manuscript, and their results are very interesting. However, I still have some questions.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
Authors have not explained how confounding factors have been excluded. I think this study was not Matched Case Control, or Multiple Variable Analysis was not adopted. Authors should clarify the method to exclude the effects of confounding factors. There is not a Letter to Reviewer by authors. Therefore they did not answered to some questions I pointed out in last review. For example, did they perform Cochran Armitage test and what was the result?

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?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No