Reviewer's report

Title: Characteristics of national registries for occupational diseases: international development and validation of an audit tool (ODIT)

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This is a useful paper in an interesting field. The survey, while small and with a middling response rate, has been professionally conducted. Literature review was narrow, but acceptable. There is a set of guidelines about the content of registers published by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine that could be referenced (discretionary). The conclusions are not overdrawn. Recommendations to strengthen the preventive goals of OH&S registers could be strengthened (discretionary). The report is well written.

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 interests