Reviewer's report

**Title:** Effect of Body Mass Index on work related musculoskeletal discomfort and occupational stress of computer workers in a developed ergonomic setup

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This is a very poor quality paper and I did not see any merit of its publication in SMARTT. I could see that the authors had spent quite some time in the data collection process but unfortunately the manuscript was not well written. Many commonly seen mistakes, weaknesses, and fallacies can be found in the paper. The authors may consider to revise the paper with the consideration of the following issues to a conference or symposium.

1) The statistical significance of correlation does not mean cause and effect relationship, not to mention the lack of testing of validity of the assumptions for the ANOVA and other statistical tests.

2) The MSD or stress problems, if they existed, are not necessarily related to work. The authors may need some more effort to show they are related.

3) The literatures are mostly not up to date.

4) There is lack of discussion why the Cornell's MSD and the occupational stress surveys were used. There are many available for choices.

5) There are many grammatical and English errors. Sorry to see that even the word Cornell was wrongly spelt.

6) It was claimed the survey was conducted in an ergonomic setup? Sorry that there is not evidence for this.

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**Quality of written English:** Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.