Reviewer’s report

Title: A comparison of licensed and un-licensed artisanal and small-scale gold miners (ASGM) in terms of socio-demographics, work profiles, and injury rates

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Reviewer: Rodney Ehrlich

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I am satisfied with the revision and believe that the findings will prove useful in this under-researched area.

However, the article needs a rigorous English proofread to iron out some awkward or ungrammatical phrasing. Examples of recommended edits:

P.3, line 58: "..communities, although there is.."

P.3, line 60: " exposures to many social stressors.."

P.6, line 131 "..reported having completed..

P.6, line 132: "..reported living with.."

P.6, line 144: "Participants reporting working in.."

P.6, line 146: "..working much longer.."

P.7, line 165: "..reporting involvement in..

P.8, line 194: "..reported being struck..

Table 5: The sentence under the title should be moved to footnotes.

P.12, lines 235-6: ..option for improving the health..

P.14, line 278: "Although of..

P. 14, line 283: "..everyone potentially exposed..

P. 15, line 301: "..reported using..

P. 15, line 313: "..would recall past events..

P. 15, line 319: "conclusion. First and foremost.."
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