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Title: MULTISITE MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN IN MIGRANTS FROM THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT TO THE UK: A CROSS-SECTIONAL SURVEY

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Therese Nordberg Hanvold: Review of PMSD-D-18-001171R1: Multisite musculoskeletal pain in migrants from the ....

The authors use data from a cross-sectional survey to study the prevalence of multisite pain among Indian workers, white UK workers and UK immigrant workers from India. They found differences in pain showing a significantly lower prevalence among Indian workers in India compared to the white UK workers and UK immigrant workers from India. The issue of international variation in the prevalence of musculoskeletal pain is an important topic to address. The attempt to disentangle the effect of the work exposure, the individual characteristics and the cultural influence is complex and challenging, but highly valuable. The study results add to the knowledge of international variation in pain. However, the manuscripts have substantial scientific shortcomings. In the presentation of background and a lack of a clear hypothesis. Information on validated methods is missing, the analyses seem to lack a power and the discussion lack references beyond the CUPID study. There is also some conclusions drawn from the manuscript that the results in the manuscript do not suggest. There is also long and difficult sentences throw-out the manuscript that seems unfinished, proofreading is essential.

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