Reviewer’s report

Title: Important work demands for reducing sickness absence among workers with neck or upper back pain: a prospective cohort study

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Reviewer: Markus Ernst

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Dear authors

all my previously mentioned concerns have been clarified.

as a minor remark, I would, however, change through the whole paper including the tables the term "neck pain" to "neck and upper back pain", as this is what your questionnaires has asked the employees/workers.

Best regards

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