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To the Editor:

Please find attached a copy of the article **Work-Related Stress and Substance Use as Risk Factors for Chronic Disease Among Three-Wheel Drivers in Galle, Sri Lanka**, which we would like to be considered for publication in *The International Journal of Occupational Health and Safety*.

We believe that the paper will be of interest to the readership of the Journal as it presents a qualitative design, rationale, and methodology to investigate the chronic disease risk factors among professional three-wheel drivers in Galle, Sri Lanka. To date no studies on the health concerns of three-wheel drivers have been conducted, despite the important role that three-wheel drivers play in public transportation throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Thirty-three professional three-wheel drivers participated in individual semi-structured interviews or focus groups.

This manuscript has been submitted solely to *The International Journal of Occupational Health and Safety*. and it has not been previously published, either in whole or in part, nor have the findings been posted online. If accepted for publication it will not be published elsewhere. The work in its entirety is in compliance with ethical standards governing the treatment of human subjects. All authors have made a significant contribution to the manuscript. All authors have also reviewed this most current version and approve of its content. There are no conflicts of interest. I will be the corresponding author for this submission, and take final responsibility for the paper. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the editorial decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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