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Reviewer #1: This document provides valuable data but as such is not ready for publication. It is factual and descriptive and lacks a research question. The method is based on a rather limited study based on three focus groups with a total of about 20 drivers, selected among 55 drivers. The representativity of the 55 drivers is unclear and the representativity of the selected drivers among the 55 drivers is also unclear.

Reviewer #2: Thank you for the opportunity to review this paper. While the topic is interesting, I find that the manuscript lacks in motivation, methodology and contribution. More detailed comments can be found below. I wish the authors the best of luck if they should consider developing the paper further. //The reviewer

The introduction starts with stress being an issue for road freight drivers. All is fine so far. However, the authors do not convincingly argue for why another study into this topic is important. Other studies have already studied the topic. What do the authors contribute with that other studies have not? What are the research gaps and what are the practical contributions to be expected?

On a minor note, I am not convinced of the 1.1, in which, to me, it seems that the authors delve into literature that aims to be some sort of theoretical background. This would be more suitable in a literature overview.

Methodologically, one concern is the limited data. Two workshops appears somewhat weak to be able to point to themes of stress, which is done in the results section. Perhaps a survey or some additional interviews could help this matter? Why did the authors decide to rely on these two workshops?

Further, I am not sure about the selection of respondents and how the data collection was conducted. If you gather a number of drivers in a workshop and talk about stress, is there not a risk that the respondents start talking much about stress, without them necessarily being stressed in the first place? How can we be sure that these drivers are well suited to discuss stress?

Further, I am lacking references to literature into, e.g., workshops to strengthen the overall impression of the methodology.

The results provide some interesting insights and I do like the use of quotes. However, the "so what" of the results remain unclear to me. The discussion does not relate to any clear field in the literature (does it relate to any literature at all?), and the practical contributions are also very vague. Otherwise, this seems to me like a more practical than a theoretical manuscript. If so, the practical contributions need to be very clear, and the authors still need to relate to previous research in order for it to be an academic paper that is to be considered for publication.

Reviewer #3: Basically, the article is clearly structured and very good to read. However, some questions/points remain unanswered, which should be supplemented or explained by the authors:

- 1) Are there drivers from the same company in the focus groups? The influence of company size is not analysed in chapter 3 or 4.
- 2) How were the three categories formed? Why was the question not asked along the lines of the driving task? And why is the role of driver assistance systems not taken into account?
- 3) To name 'equipment' (responsibility of a company) in connection with 'infrastructure' (responsibility of public decision) incomprehensible.
- 4) Instead of using 'routing' it should be better to use the term 'driving area' or 'service area'

Suggestions:

- 1) The article should provide answers to the above points.
- 2) The literature analysis should be supplemented by the state of the art on coping strategies for stress.
- 3) The findings from the focus groups should be compared with the results of the literature analysis (unfavourably partially integrated into chapter 3; but not stringent)
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