

Reviewer's report

Title: Burnout and training satisfaction of Greek residents: will the European Work Time Directive make a difference?

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Minor Essential Revisions

This a very interesting and useful study especially for Greece and I highly recommend publication.

Some points for the author to consider:

- 1) In the abstract: The Methods section could improved. The listing of the statistical tests used is awkward.
- 2) Background- Resident Burnout section: two sentences from the end "Thus, it can be hypothesized that these conditions....". Which are these "conditions"? Please summarize or paraphrase them. It is unclear from the previous sections which are these conditions.
- 3) Objectives section: 5th sentence from the end. Which are the "factors that are associated with these opinions"? The nature of the factors (organisational, educational etc?)
- 4) Statistical analysis section: The choice of tests is based on whether the data permit parametric or non-parametric analysis.
- 5) Future outlook section: Mention in the discussion section why the General Hospital of Crete was an exception.
- 6) Policy implication section: Improve the second paragraph. The authors did not really measure effort-reward imbalance. The explanation here seems forced.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'