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To Carlo Rye Chua (Journal Editorial Office, BioMed Central)

The manuscript has been revised along the indicated lines. Changes are coloured in the text.

Sincerely,

Judith Rosta

EDITORS REQUEST:

1. Document permissions for the use of Ref [34] data
You will need to include a statement in the manuscript which explains that you have permission to use the data from this national survey in your study.

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Page 8, line 5-9.
In Germany, a postal questionnaire on health and working conditions was sent from the German Hospital Institute to 3,295 German hospital doctors with no reminder in 2006. The data collection among German doctors was supported by The German Research Foundation. One of the author’s (JR) is the principal investigator and research leader of the national questionnaire survey of hospital doctors in Germany. JR has permission to use the data from this national survey in your study (Reference DFG/RO 2348/4-1, 5-1). Survey methods, data and sample described in details elsewhere.[34]

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2. Ethics statement from a formal medical ethics committee
It is still unclear whether the Norwegian Social Science Data Service is a recognized formal ethics committee. Please confirm if this is the case, and forward the approval documentation to us to check.

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