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Answers to reviewers and editor

Dear Editors,

Regarding the manuscript:

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`Understanding long-term sick leave in female white-collar workers with burnout and stress-related diagnoses: a qualitative study´

Answer to Dag Bruusgaard:

Reviewer's report:
The authors have responded adequately to the comments, except the question on possible attribution, which they did not understand(!). Attribution in this setting means that the respondent have problems and in seeking an explanation puts the blame on the working place (They attribute the problem to bad working conditions - right or wrong).

Answer: The paper deals to a large extent with what you have pointed out. The findings indicate that our informants experience quite a few problems connected to their present working situation. Some of the informants do not have a job that is appropriate to their competence. Both external and internal stressors were identified and they are connected both to the working situation as well as their private situation and the balance between these spheres as we expressed in the paper, especially in the Conclusion section. We wanted to show the informants experience of their situation.

Still I do not like table 2, but it might be acceptable with a much better lay out!

Answer: The lay out of table 2 has been changed.

Editor:

Please be sure to revise the Background section of the Abstract to include context information.

Answer: A sentence in the Abstract has been added.

All changes in the article have been marked with blue text.

Best regards,

Hélène Sandmark and Monica Renstig