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Dear Mrs. Pafitis,

Please find attached the fourth revision of our manuscript entitled Development of burnout over time and the causal order of the three dimensions of burnout among male and female GPs. A three wave panel study (MS 5636468632975159).

You asked us to explain clearly, within the manuscript, how we handled the missing data in our statistical analysis and include a justification for how this was carried out as well. In the attached manuscript we included the information you requested. On pages 12 and 13 in the manuscript (Method section/Data analyses) we describe how we handled missing data in several steps of the analyses and provide a justification. On page 23 of the manuscript (Discussion section/Methodological reflections) we discuss the handling of missing data as well.

Please let us know whether these adjustments are in line with your expectations.

We would like to thank all reviewers and editors for reading and commenting on the manuscript.
We look forward to receiving your decision regarding this revised manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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