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Author's response to reviews: see over
Dear Mrs. Pafitis,

Please find attached the fifth 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 provide more details about how we handled missing data in our statistical analysis. We adjusted the *Method section/Data analysis* (p.13), the beginning of the *Results section/Non-response and sample characteristics* (p. 14) and the *Discussion section/Methodological reflection* (p. 23) and hence provided more details. We hope that the level of detail in the explanation matches your expectations now. Please note that I added three references [39, 40 and 42] that underpin our method of handling missing data to the manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

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Also on behalf of Yvonne Winants, Mascha Twellaar and Petra Verdonk

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