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Cover Letter
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Dear Editor,

On behalf of my co-authors, I am pleased to submit our manuscript “Burnout among medical professors; a nationwide survey” as an original research article to BMC Medical Education.

Medical professors are in many ways at the heart of the medical community, as they act as educators, researchers, managers and - perhaps most importantly - role models for students, residents and colleagues. However, these same activities and responsibilities may render them vulnerable to job-related stress and burnout. This manuscript addresses burnout and its determinants such as the H-index in all medical professors in The Netherlands.

We respectfully propose 3 motivations to consider this manuscript for publication:

1. The research is original and is performed on a nationwide scale.
2. Physicians’ burnout not only affects quality of life, but also quality of medicine and quality of science.
3. BMC Medical Education readers will be relieved to find out that their role models also struggle with job-related emotional exhaustion.

We chose BMC Medical Education since we feel our article fits the scope of the journal, with its diverse audience of readers.

Thank you very much for considering this submission. If any questions arise during the process, I would be happy to provide more information.

On behalf of all authors,

Yours faithfully,

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