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Responses to the comments of Anne Martin-Matthews

Minor Essential Revisions

In accordance with reviewer Anne Martin-Matthews, we have changed the titles and converted Figure 5 and 6 to tables, Table 4 and Table 5, and n is included.

Figure 7 is transformed into two tables, Table 6 and Table 7, so that n is included.

Discretionary Revisions

1. The manuscript states (lines 317 - 319) that "In this study, we wanted to show that managers need to take into account time spent on documentation."  
   
   Response: In the revised manuscript lines 316 – 318,  
   “In this study, we examined whether managers need to take into account time spent on documentation.”

2. The wording of lines 436-437 sounds quite tentative "our study shows that driving time and time required to write up statutory documentation seem to be underestimated in planning weekly day schedules...."  
   
   Response: In the revised manuscript lines 441 – 442  
   “our study shows that driving time and time required to write up statutory documentation are underestimated in planning weekly day schedules.”

Our manuscript has been edited by Edanz.