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Title: Is networking different with doctors working part-time? Differences in social networks of part-time and full-time doctors

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1. Intro: This is an interesting piece of work that dispels some myths about part-time working in medicine, and its impact on social and professional networking in the workplace. The question is well defined, the approach sound and the conclusions balanced.

2. Minor essential: I could not understand the second sentence in the paragraph headed Theoretical Background. The authors should spell out the distinction they are presumably drawing between members of the organisation and organisational members, organisation issues and organisational issues.

3. Discretionary. The definition of part-time (less than 100% of a full-time equivalent) is not informative to international readers with no understanding of what full-time implies in the Netherlands. Later in the paper it emerges that most part-timers were working 0.76 of a full-time equivalent, and in another place, that part-time workers were usually working 40 hours a week. A brief section spelling out the usual full-time working hours and the usual part-time working hours would be helpful to the reader.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'