Reviewer's report

Title: Correlates of physician burnout across regions and specialties: A meta-analysis

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The subject matter is an important one and deserves to be published. The manuscript requires much clearer writing. The Abstract does not reflect the rich material in the body of the document. The function of health human resources is much more than 'to identify.....'. This can be changed to one of the many functions... I believe that there should be a paragraph that clearly gives the definition of burnout that is used in the paper. The discussion on 'inpatient' and 'outpatient' is clear. The paper could be improved by discussion on the 'mixed group'. Some more discussion about the relationship between drivers and constraints could strengthen the paper.

In the discussion on Inpatient vs. Outpatient - it would help if there was more explanation of the contribution of geographic isolation and the transient nature of patient relations. It is not clear to me how - manage the financial, logistics ... leads to poorer health. What is the relationship between these and autonomy. If it is possible to be more specific on the type of interventions, the paper could be stronger.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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.