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Title: Beyond Work Hours: The Patient Factors for Night-shift Physician Workload in a Two-year General Medicine Cohort

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Dear Editor:

Attached please find our original manuscript entitled “Beyond Work Hours: The Patient Factors for Night-shift Physician Workload in a Two-year General Medicine Cohort” that we are submitting to be considered for publication in the *BMC Health Service Research*. In this report, we present a two-year observational study on night-shift resident workload in a general medicine unit in Taiwan. We aim to depict patient factors for on-call workload and highlight several potential factors related to patient status. Our manuscript provides a comparative analysis of stable, unstable and DNR patient groups and it shows the different patterns and workload between them. Not only the work hours, but also the patient composition, determined the workload at night. These results can contribute to the future study of reasonable work for on-call physicians. We hope that this article will be instructive to the readers of the journal.

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including each author’s contribution.

In this resubmitted version, the following parts have been revised:

1. Abstract has been structured into four sections with 245 words.

2. Title page has been provided within the manuscript

3. Competing interest, author's contribution and acknowledgement have been added before
the reference section of manuscript.

4. All pages and lines are numbered.

5. Ethics statement regarding institutional IRB has been declared in the method section.

We hope that our manuscript will meet your standards for publication. Thank you very much
and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,

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