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Title: Swiss chocolate and free beverages to increase the motivation for scientific work amongst residents – A prospective interventional study in a non-academic teaching hospital in Switzerland

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The quality of the paper has been greatly improved. Some minor comments: Abstract: the misuse of "randomization" and "delivery of randomized assignment" is confusing in the method. Abstract: It is not clear whether the report of median 9(7; 9) stands for confidence interval or interquartile range?Result: figure 4 should be described in the main text. Conclusion: the recruitment rate in the first and second period in trial one has no difference. It is possible that the gratification helps preventing the recruitment rate from declining over time, but the conclusion statement about "high recruitment rates are partly due to the fact that the randomization delivery tool is motivating the residents" is not accurate.

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