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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

A well written good conceived manuscript trying to establish a relationship between injuries and burnout in medical personnel. Several formal comments and suggestions are inserted below Comments In the abstract I suggest the authors insert the type of study that has been performed (observational study? Cohort) Please insert as well in the abstract the modality of performing the study (questionnaire based , cross sectional) Introduction is well written and appropriate to the topic. In my opinion there is a need to describe and classify more clear what sharp injury means and what are the degrees of disability induced by the injury as this is a consistent confounder for the occurrence of burnout. Have the NMQ and CBI questionnaires been translated and validated in the mother tongue of respective health workers? If so, please mention. It is well known questionnaires assessing quality of life need to be provided in maternal language. It is to be noted that the study has been performed in the context of a pandemic situation which has been and still is more taxing on medical personnel. In my opinion this study needs to be replicated during non pandemic time and the results compared as it will further give insights within regular work conditions and exposure of health care workers. Overall the findings in this study are very well documented and supported by the statistics, comments and discussions are valid offering a scientific support for prevention of both work related injuries as well as of burnout in this category of population.



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This study evaluated the relationship between burnout, musculoskeletal pain, and sharps injuries (SIs) in medical workers, through specific questionnaires. Burnout contributed to SIs occurrence; in particular, it mediated the relationship between SIs and frequent musculoskeletal pain, overtime work, and irregular shift work. The topic is of notable importance, the study is well conducted and the results are novel. The paper well written. I have the following comments: -In the Introduction, the authors report that «]. Musculoskeletal (MS) in the lower back, shoulders, and neck is most commonly reported[14]. In addition, the anatomical sites of and the risk factors for MS pain differ depending on the occupational group[15]. » Myofascial pain syndromes from trigger points are among the main causes of musculoskeletal pain due to traumatic/microtraumatic events (often secondary to occupational postures/attitudes/activities). These conditions should be quoted (e.g., Myofascial pain syndromes: clinical and pathophysiological aspects. Clin J Pain. 1991;7 Suppl 1:S16-22.) -There are many Tables, often too charged and difficult to read. It would be of help to the reader if at least some of these could be transformed into Figures.