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To the Editor to *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*

Resubmission of Manuscript 76720 “No increase in burnout in healthcare workers during the initial Covid-19 outbreak: Systematic review and meta-analysis”

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Dear Editor,

We would like to thank you and the reviewers for the feedback and recommendations.

Please find herewith and on behalf of the co-authors, the revised manuscript Number: 76720.

We have cautiously considered all the questions formulated by the reviewers and extensively revised and edited our manuscript accordingly (with AJE). We added a section for Article Highlights.

We sincerely hope that the manuscript in this corrected form will be of your interest, and that you will find our article suitable for publication in your journal.

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With kind regards,

On the behalf of the authors

Othman Sentissi MD, Ph.D.



Reviewers and editors comments and responses

Reviewer #1: Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Minor revision

Specific Comments to Authors: Dear Authors, I reviewed your manuscript. You may find as follows my main comments/suggestions:

R1 1. No conclusions are included in the abstract section. This section must be briefly described the implications of the study, followed by recommendations for future studies

A: We add a conclusion in the abstract

R1 2. In the “limitations of the study” section, I suggest the authors to add some brief consideration on other potential risk factors of occupational burnout (e.g., grief caused by multiple losses, personal characteristics, and limited supportive resources to handle workload) during the COVID-19 pandemic with appropriate references (see doi: 10.1177/20101058211040575).

A: We agree with this suggestion and we added considerations and reference on other potential risk factors of burnout in the limitation paragraph.

R1 3. Please review the manuscript for use of acronyms. For this purpose, define the acronyms separately in the abstract and introduction before using them in other sections of the manuscript. For example “the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)” or “HCWs.”

A: We thank the reviewer for this comment and we corrected

R1 4. Finally, I suggest that the manuscript is proofread by a native English speaker or Editing service. So please make sure there are no English errors.1) Overall, English language must be fundamentally improved as there are spelling and grammatical errors throughout the manuscript, e.g. “28.9% patients”, “had more longer hospitalizations”, “we did not observed differences”, “we did not found an association” etc., which make the manuscript hard to read and understand.

A: We thank the reviewer for this comment and we edited the manuscript with American Journal of expertise, please see the AJE Certificate

Reviewer #2:

Scientific Quality: Grade B (Very good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The objective of this literature review and meta-analysis is to have a comprehensive understanding about burnout and work-related stress in Healthcare Workers (HCWs) around the world during the first outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. I have just read the manuscript and I must say that the authors did a great job.

A: We appreciate the comment of the reviewer and thank him for his review

