Reviewer's report

Title: National survey of the association of depressive symptoms with the number of off duty and on-call, and sleeping hours among physicians working in Japanese hospitals: a cross sectional study

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Reviewer: Mary Rose

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1. Grammatically, use of "sleep" rather than "sleeping" would be better throughout the manuscript.
2. Reference for page 4 Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptomology
3. Ethics section should make note of the consent process

I will try to fax a hard copy of my recommended edits to the editor.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

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'