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RE: "The Productivity of Professions: Evidence from the Emergency Department" by David Chan and Yiqun Chen

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1. This research was supported in part by funds provided by the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) and other internal research funds.
2. The project was approved by the Stanford IRB under protocol 57807 ("Physician Productivity"). This approval process included review by the VA Palo Alto Health Care System (VAPAHCS) Scientific Review Subcommittee.
3. I am a staff physician at VAPAHCS.
4. I presented the results of this paper in a moderated panel hosted by the American Medical Association and received an honorarium of \$2,500.
5. I have not received any research support from a party that has any interests (financial, political, or ideological) in any topic related to health care providers with different professional training, including occupational licensing. Similarly, I have no paid or unpaid positions with any such party.
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