Reviewer's report

Title: Safety relevant Knowledge of orally anticoagulated Patients: a Baseline Survey in Primary Care

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Major Compulsory Revisions

Introduction
The authors should include more sound knowledge and background about the subject studied. There are several papers in the literature reporting about the knowledge gaps and the interventional education programs.

Methods
There are major flaws in the methodology and patients' recruitment as delineated below:
- The study excluded self-monitoring patients, and most likely this will have an impact on the results by overestimating the knowledge gaps.
- The recruited sample is not representing the general target population, and thereby the results cannot be generalized. The study is part of a national plan action for drug safety. Therefore, the intervention education programs cannot be based on the results of the current study.

Discussion
The discussion is not comprehensive, particularly regarding the impact of educational and behavioral interventions on oral anticoagulation therapy. There are several available references in the literature, addressing the impact of educational and behavioral interventions on anticoagulation therapy such as the following Cochrane review and the systemic review:

Minor Essential Revisions
There are several minor errors in spelling, typographical errors, and grammatical errors in the manuscript, as well as in citing and writing the references.
Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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.