Reviewer's report

Title: Perception of Stroke and Knowledge of Potential Risk Factors among Omani Patients at Increased Risk for Stroke.

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Reviewer: Desmond O'Neill

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General
This is a well-written and conceived paper is a useful and helpful paper for the Omani medical and public health community, and at this level is worthy of publication in a national or regional journal. Its relevance to the wider scientific community is less clear without the authors making more clear a case for publication in a more international journal.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
The authors must consider whether there is a particular benefit in clarifying whether Oman is considered to be a developed or developing country (see Lancet. 2005 Jun 25-Jul 1;365(9478):2160-1)? Or what are the trends in diabetes, obesity and hypertension in Oman and are there resultant important lessons for the rest of the world (see Am J Prev Med. 2005 Dec;29(5 Suppl 1):95-101.)? Are there particular issues with literacy or methods of health promotion which are peculiar to Oman which might give new insights to the rest of the world?

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Unable to decide on acceptance or rejection until the authors have responded to the major compulsory revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:
I declare that I have no competing interests