Reviewer's report

**Title:** A Survey of Autism Knowledge and Attitudes among the Healthcare Professionals in Lahore, Pakistan

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**Reviewer:** Fernando Ramos Asbahr

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Reflecting a common situation in many other countries, the lack of knowledge about Autism among health professionals is worrisome. This study contributes to increase the awareness about this disabling condition.

There is no need for major compulsory revisions. Some minor essential revisions follow below:

1. In "Methods":
   the authors may include, attached to the text, the survey form used in the study. This may help the reader follow the description of results.
2. In "Results":
   Table 2's title is not clear. It should be self-explanatory.
3. In "Discussion":
   3.1. the authors should further explore differences between physicians and non-physicians answers observed in table 2. It is remarkable the differences found in questions 3 and 17 (developmental condition versus emotional condition).
   3.2. the authors could stress their own clinical experience and, why not, propose new directions concerning policies and plans of healthcare delivery to children with Autism and other Developmental Disorders in Pakistan.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.