Reviewer’s report

Title: Knowledge and attitudes of university students toward pandemic influenza: a cross sectional study from Turkey

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There are still many spelling mistakes and grammatical issues that require attention

Minor revisions

Results

1. Were the participant’s representative of the student body at the University?
This question has not been answered

Discussion

1. Top of page 20: The authors need to be very careful when making comparisons between pandemic studies. Some of the literature that is used in this paragraph- relates to studies that were conducted prior to the H1N1 pandemic, and were undertaken at a time when H5N1 was thought to be the next potential cause of a pandemic. I would suggest to the authors to stick to comparing the results from their study with other studies which were undertaken last year(i.e. H1N1 studies). Also- the authors should note that the cohort in these comparison studies is usually the general public.

2. The Van et al study was conducted during the peak of the pandemic also- so comparisons should be able to be made.

3. There are problems with the references in the discussion- the numbers do not correspond correctly.

4. An appropriate reference for the Australian National Survey should be included also

Tables

1. Table two: I think the scale used in this table can be condensed down to: Agree, disagree, unsure, not specified.

2. Table four: I feel that this information does not need to be included as a table and could be easily summarised in the text

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

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'