Reviewer’s report

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

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Major Compulsory Revisions

1. It is acknowledged that considerable improvement has been made to the grammar and syntax since the first draft, however, the revision still contains many errors and requires a major review to bring it up to a suitable standard of English. I appreciate how difficult this must be for a non-English speaking contributor but in my opinion it would be not reflect well on the authors, reviewers or journal to publish this as is.

2. Table 1. Translation of the questions into English is problematic eg Q4 "swine flu is fatal". I presume that a more accurate translation of the original question is that ‘the swine flu could cause fatalities’...this would cast a different slant on the result. Similarly, their are significant grammatical issues with some of the other questions.

3. The review should include other tables and attachments eg Table 3 mentions "Toplam" and Table 5 "Quarantina"

Minor Essential Revisions

1. Results regarding perceptions that are reported in the abstract and repeated in the results section require revision along the lines: Overall 25.1% of respondents considered their risk to be high, 40.5% moderate etc. The current wording is misleading.

2. Three different citation formats are used within the text. These should conform to the journal standard.

3. Non standard references are still present eg some journals are referenced as per PubMed abbreviations and others have the full name included. These should conform to the journal standard.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Not suitable for publication unless extensively edited

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'