Reviewer's report

**Title:** Public health in community pharmacy: A systematic review of community pharmacist and consumer views.

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**Reviewer:** Claire Anderson

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1. **Is the question posed by the authors well defined?**
   Yes the question is well defined.

2. **Are the methods appropriate and well described?**
   Yes well described and appropriate however not sure all the published papers have been incorporated as search terms are narrow. For example, the authors have referred to some papers on emergency contraception but have not included a number of our studies and a more recent systematic review from Human reproduction. (Anderson C, Blenkinsopp A (2006) Community pharmacy supply of emergency hormonal contraception: a structured literature review of international evidence. Hum Repr 21: 1, 272–78.)

   I am not sure if they are ignoring qualitative studies and just focussing on cross sectional surveys.

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3. **Are the data sound?**
   See above and it is unfortunate that the authors have not referred to the more recent systematic reviews that were done to inform the DH and are available on PharmacyHealthLink website under research (http://www.pharmacyhealthlink.org.uk/)

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4. **Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?**
   Yes

5. **Are limitations of the work clearly stated?**
   The limitations of the work are stated. However the focus is on response rates when a few of the studies are qualitative in nature. Also in my mind the review is incomplete as the search terms have failed to capture all of the studies that have been completed in this period. Need to state that just focussed on cross sectional surveys if this is the case.  

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7. **Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building,**
both published and unpublished?
Not enough see above- Major Compulsory Revisions

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
Yes

9. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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'