Reviewer’s report

Title: Community Pharmacists Role in Obesity Treatment: A cross-sectional Study

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I think this manuscript is an important contribution to academic literature. It is in general, a well prepared research project, but its real strength lies in the fact that investigating the pharmacist’s role in weight management has not been attempted in the Middle East before.

I would have liked to see the survey and read more about how it was constructed. The manuscript needs to explain further on this particular point.

Overall, I believe this study should be published, as it brings about awareness of the role a pharmacist could take in weight management and public awareness in Kuwait, and this should be encouraged. I think the authors have conducted an interesting study. However I do advise they acquire good quality editing for publishing in English.

The manuscript could have also included some description of pharmacy in Kuwait. For example, why is it that pharmacists do not engage that much in counselling when it comes to weight management therapies compared to other countries? What is the extent of use of anti-obesity medicines?

This does not detract from the fact that the outcomes of this study are worthy of note, and should be used for good purpose, such as change of policy and education (both public and professional) in Kuwait.

Some comments for the authors to consider:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? Yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? Yes possibly, but not fully described
3. Are the data sound? Yes, but not always meaningful
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? Yes,
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? Yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes

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

9. Is the writing acceptable? It needs a thorough grammar review looking for little issues such as plural/single verbs, sentence structure etc.

Some further points to consider:

1. There needs to be a thorough revision of grammar, spelling and/or sentence structure of the whole manuscript

2. Introduction:
   a. Where in the world have pharmacists ‘started working with other HCPs...’?
   b. ‘Community pharmacies are being recognised as highly suitable health promotion settings due to the high volume of the population that use their services’ Where?

3. Methods:
   a. Needs a reference for population estimates
   b. Was the survey based on validated US surveys? Did the authors use all items in the US surveys? Were the items in the survey modified for Kuwaiti participants? [more explanation needed]
   c. How many pharmacies were approached? How many pharmacies are there in Kuwait? The response rate must be carefully reported.