Reviewer’s report

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

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Minor essential revisions

Abstract

1. The presentation of the results is still unclear. It states that the results are presented as mean (SD). Out of 220 community pharmacies included the study claims to have had a 93% response rate. Yet in the text it states e.g. “the overall mean (SD) responses indicated that pharmacists counseled obese patients sometimes to most of the time, 3.67 (1.19) and …..” – What figures do the 3.67 (1.19) refer to? If it is the mean (3.67) and SD (1.19) the average response rate must have been extremely low which does not tally with the 93% response rate stated above. The fact that this is ordinal data and presents the mean Likert scale rating should be clarified.

2. The conclusion states that “mean responses of counseling obese patients by pharmacists were positively correlated with their perceived comfort with counseling and perceived effectiveness of obesity management aspects” – however the method section does not make it clear that a statistical correlation test (r) has been carried out to substantiate this conclusion. Add to the method section.

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