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Reviewer: Tarja Suominen

Reviewer's report:

Thank you for having again the possibility to read this interesting manuscript. The text has improved. There are just some comments that I want to raise. In the previous round it was not possible to evaluate the instrument used with so limited information, but now more information has been added. But this raised now questions. Whether I understood rightly, there are questions asked in the form yes or no and still the authors have counted chr. alfa for these. If the statement is in the form yes or no, it is not relevant to calculate chr. alfa. You should other way evaluate the validity and reliability of your study.

- Yes we agree with the comment given by the reviewer, but initially the attitude questions were prepared in five level responses (Strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree and strongly disagree) and finally summarized in to two responses. But the chr.alfa indicated may be misleading and we deleted it.

The instrument used is now presented, but in chapter “Data collection” you write … Attitudes towards… using five items, but just four listed.

- There are five attitude questions summarized in the table (Table 4).

Critical issue is as the authors themselves write that you use mean to separate those considered knowledgeable and not.

- We agreed in the issue and already indicated it in the limitation of the study
Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.