Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge and Attitude of Healthcare Workers about Middle East Respiratory Syndrome in multispecialty hospitals of Qassim, Saudi Arabia

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Minor Essential Revisions

Comment 1 - line 214 specifically mentions “older age” – the wording older age group or more experienced is also mentioned elsewhere within the text. It would be useful to have a clear statement identifying what the older age group is classed as e.g. >40 and also what counts as experienced e.g. > 6 years?

Minor issues not for publication

Comment 2 – line 41 states - Chi squares test was used to signify the association… recommend change to; Chi Square tests were used to …

Comment 3 – line 65 states - near Arabian Peninsula… recommend add “the” Arabian Peninsula

Comment 4 – line 66 states - …reported in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – recommend add “the” before Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Comment 5 – line 72 states - virus through hospital cluster – recommend this should be replaced by – through a hospital cluster or through an hospital cluster.

Comment 6 – line 74 states - MERS-CoV in community or in healthcare settings could be a huge threat for public health implications – recommend this should be reworded to something like - MERS-CoV in community or in healthcare settings could be a huge threat to public health.

Comment 7 – line 90-91 states - All the participants were briefed about the objectives and the outcomes of the research and those who agreed to sign on the consent form were enrolled in this study. – recommend add comma after the word “research” so would read as follows - All the participants were briefed about the objectives and the outcomes of the research, those who agreed to sign on the consent form were enrolled in this study.

Comment 8 – line 94 sates - … were recruited on easy accessibility – recommend this is changed to – were recruited on easy of accessibility.

Comment 9 – line 105/6 states - Secondly, a pilot study was conducted by the selecting a small sample health care professionals who gave their opinions in making the questionnaire simpler and brief. – recommend this is changed to –
Secondly, a pilot study was conducted by selecting a small sample of health care professionals who gave their opinions on making the questionnaire simpler and shorter.

Comment 10 – line 110 states - The data of pilot study was not used for the final analysis. Recommend insert “the” after the word “of” and before “pilot”.

Comment 11 – line 132 states - … with pharmacists were most in numbers (35.3%). – recommend with Pharmacists most in number…

Comment 12 – line 134 states - participants was internet as depicted in Fig 1. – recommend – adding “the” before the word “internet”.

Comment 13 – the sentence that starts at the end of line 174 with the word “This” and ends on line 177 with the word “MERS”. – This sentence does not make sense and needs rewording.

Comment 14 – the sentence that starts on line 177 with the word – “Another” and ends on line 179 needs rewording as it doesn’t read correctly in its current format.

Comment 15 – line 185 – currently reads - SARS-CoV) should either be - (SARS-CoV) or SARS-CoV.

Comment 16 – line 202 – in my opinion this sentence needs re-wording as the current construction is not easy to read.

Comment 17 – line 204 first word on that line is “have” should read “has” in order to make sense within the context of the sentence.

Comment 18 – line 109 – current sentence - The mean attitude score was found to be in positive range recommend – add in “the” after word “in” and before word “positive”.

Comment 19 – line 212 replace the word “googles” with the word “goggles”

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**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