Author's response to reviews

Title: High prevalence of lack of knowledge of symptoms of acute myocardial infarction in Pakistan and its contribution to delayed presentation to the hospital

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Response to Reviewer Sharon McKinley

We thank reviewer for detailed review of our manuscript.

A point-by-point response is listed below to the reviewer’s comments. Changes made in the manuscript.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

Review BMC Public Health ms – High prevalence of lack of knowledge . . . (7/8/07)

Page / para / line

2/2/2 – add ‘A’ before ‘structured’
‘A’ has been added before structured on Page 2 para 2 line 2

2/2/3 – add ‘The’ before ‘primary’
‘The’ has been added before primary on Page 2 para 2 line 3

2/2/5 – change ‘pre hospital’ to ‘prehospital’ here and throughout the manuscript
Pre hospital has been changed to ‘prehospital’ throughout the manuscript

4/2/5 – change ‘As’ to ‘A’
As has been changed to ‘A’ on Page 4 para 2 line 5

5/2/4 – add ‘a’ before ‘paucity’
‘a’ has been added before paucity on Page 5 para 2 line 4

6/1/1 – hyphenate ‘cross-sectional’
‘cross-sectional’ has been hyphenated on page 6 para 1 line 1

6/2/2 – add ‘the’ before ‘selected’
‘the’ has been added before selected on page 6 para 2 line 2

6/2/6 – omit ‘the’ before ‘consent’
‘the’ has been omitted before consent on page 6 para 2 line 6

7/3/3 – omit ‘the’ before ‘clinical’
‘the’ has been omitted before clinical on page 7 para 3 line 3

7/4/2 – add ‘a’ before ‘person’
‘a’ has been added before person on page 7 para 4 line 2

9/1/8 – remove unnecessary capitalisation for Ors and CIs, and add an ‘s’ to ‘ratio’
Unnecessary capitalisation for Ors and CIs has been removed and ‘s’ has been added to ‘ratio’ on page 9 para 1 line 8

10/1/5 – hyphenate ‘Thirty-four’
‘Thirty-four’ has been hyphenated on page 10 para 1 line 5

10/1/8 – add ‘s’ to ‘hour’ and ‘symptom’; omit ‘Over before ‘two-thirds’
‘s’ has been added to hour and symptom and over has been omitted before two thirds on page 10 para 1 line 8

10/1/9 – change ‘population’ to ‘patients’ or ‘sample’

10 – there needs to be a reference to Table 1, probably in the 1st para, and results referred to in para 2 on p. 11 of the Discussion need to be included in the Results section, either in the text or a table.

Reference to table 1 has been given in para 1 on page 10. Figure 1 has added to explain the results referred in para 2 on pages 11 in the discussion section

10/3/1 – add ‘a’ before ‘sensitivity’
‘a’ has been added before sensitivity on page 10 para 3 line 1

11/2/4 – add ‘The population of’ before ‘South Asia’
‘the population of’ has been added before South Asia on page 11 para 2 line 4

11/2/9-10 – move ‘to the hospital’ to follow ‘presented’
‘to the hospital’ has moved after presented on page 11 para 2 line 9

12/2/3 – add ‘the’ before ‘literature’
‘the’ has been added before literature on page 12 para 2 line 3

12/3/2 – add ‘of’ before ‘medical’
‘of’ has been added before medial on page 12 para 3 line 2

12/3/3 – add ‘to’ after ‘due’
‘to’ has been added after due on page 12 para 3 line 3

12/3/4 – add ‘the’ before ‘patient’
‘the’ has been added before patient on page 12 para 3 line 4

13/2/14 – add ‘the’ before ‘true’
‘the’ has been added before true on page 13 para 2 line 14

14/2/3rd last – add ‘an’ before ‘urban’
‘an’ has been added before urban on page 14 para 2 3rd last line

15/1/2 – add ‘the’ before ‘urban’
‘the’ has been added before urban on page 15 line 1 para 2

15/2/4 – hyphenate ‘Indo-Asian’
‘Indo-Asian’ has been hyphenated on page 15 para 2 line 4

The authors should also check the accuracy of each of the citations on the reference list. For example, I do in ref 24 not understand what the initials ‘RSSBJG’ are there for, and the same ref has inappropriate spacing between author names and initials, and inappropriate capitalisation of the title of the article. Reference 33 contains ‘south Asia’ in the title. The authors need to ensure that the citation for each reference is consistent with its presentation in Medline and the Journal’s referencing style.

Thanks for the comment. Reference 24 and 33 has been corrected.

Thanks & Best regards

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