Reviewer's report

**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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**Reviewer:** Sharon McKinley

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General

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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)

The authors have responded extensively to the reviewers’ comments. Some small remaining matters that could be attended to are:

Page / para / line

2/2/2 – add ‘A’ before ‘structured’
2/2/3 – add ‘The’ before ‘primary’
2/2/5 – change ‘pre hospital’ to ‘prehospital’ here and throughout the manuscript
4/2/5 – change ‘As’ to ‘A’
5/2/4 – add ‘a’ before ‘paucity’
6/1/1 – hyphenate ‘cross-sectional’
6/2/2 – add ‘the’ before ‘selected’
6/2/6 – omit ‘the’ before ‘consent’
7/3/3 – omit ‘the’ before ‘clinical’
7/4/2 – add ‘a’ before ‘person’
9/1/8 – remove unnecessary capitalisation for Ors and CIs, and add an ‘s’ to ‘ratio’
10/1/5 – hyphenate ‘Thirty-four’
10/1/8 – add ‘s’ to ‘hour’ and ‘symptom’; omit ‘Over before ‘two-thirds’
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.

10/3/1 – add ‘a’ before ‘sensitivity’
11/2/4 – add ‘The population of’ before ‘South Asia’
11/2/9-10 – move ‘to the hospital’ to follow ‘presented’
12/2/3 – add ‘the’ before ‘literature’
12/3/2 – add ‘of’ before ‘medical’
12/3/3 – add ‘to’ after ‘due’
12/3/4 – add ‘the’ before ‘patient’
13/2/14 – add ‘the’ before ‘true’
14/2/3rd last – add ‘an’ before ‘urban’
15/1/2 – add ‘the’ before ‘urban’
15/2/4 – hyphenate ‘Indo-Asian’

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.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

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