Reviewer's report

**Title:** Diabetes related knowledge among residents and nurses: A multicenter study in Karachi, Pakistan.

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1. Major compulsory revisions- Concrete description of methodology is requested. How the answers of the questionnaire were coded, scored and summarised. How many questionnaires were delivered and what was response rate of the each group of residency trainees. What was the general response rate? What were the main reasons of the non response (in the case you know). Why such a low response from FMR side? In the discussion section the authors are suggested to critically discuss some more limitations, especially about response rate and what does it mean. The quite large variability of the answers (e.g 40% +- 20, or 50% +21 etc. shows that the groups are quite small ones). What about generalisation of the results? In several cases the p-values are missing. In the statistical analysis section it was mentioned that qualitative variables were analysed and frequencies for this purpose were reported. What kind of qualitative variables the authors mean?

2. Minor revision- Please explain to the readers why questions unanswered were considered false? Please explain to the readers the acronyms AIC, LDL etc while those occur first in the text. It would be more correct.

To include the questionnaire as a supplement to the paper is suggested in order to better understand the questions and the answers possibilities.

Discretionary revisions- short description about how diabetes care is organised in Pakistan would be useful to understand better the background.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**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 have no competing interests'