Reviewer's report

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

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In the revised manuscript authors have tried to incorporate the changes and suggestions made. However, there are still substantial gaps to be addressed before making the decision about the acceptance of this paper in BMC Endocrine Disorders.

In addition, some term like ‘trends’ and ‘hypothesis’ are not appropriate for this type of study.

Following points (Major Compulsory) are still not incorporated and/or not clearly responded

1. Methods:
   - How open ended responses were grouped, coded and scored? What method was used
   - Were the level of training and working identical in all hospitals? Probably not! Authors are suggested to give description about studied hospitals particularly in reference to training and education of nurses and residents.
   - What was the response rate and what was the proportion of unanswered questions? Does post-hoc sample size calculated? (if the proportion of non-respondents and unanswered questions were reasonably high).
   - Description of the qualitative and quantitative variables and their plan analysis in some details
   - How the questionnaire was validated? What types of validation done?

2. Discussion:
   - This section is still deficient in literature citation and conceptual debate.
   - Limitations should be mention in more details with critical discussion

3. Tables and figures:
   - Headings and subheadings of tables are inappropriate
   - Heading of figures are missing

4. References:
   - Many of the cited references are quite old
   - Style of the references is not accordingly to the authors guidelines for this
specific journal

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

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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