Reviewer's report

Title: Do Indonesian medical practitioners approve the availability of emergency contraception over-the-counter? A survey of general practitioners and obstetricians in Jakarta.

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Reviewer: Edith Weisberg

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General It is unclear how many of the respondents were from urban or rural areas and if this affected the knowledge or attitudes to EC. It is also unclear how the views expressed by the respondents reflect attitudes in the rest of Indonesia. Does the religious breakdown of participants reflect the percentage of different religions represented amongst GPs and O&Gs and is the religious background of participants likely to affect their views. It would be interesting to have the authors comments on this.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)
None

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)
None

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)
See general comments

Is the question posed by the authors new and well defined?
The question is new in regards to the knowledge and attitudes of GPs and O&Gs in Indonesia to EC but is not a new question in regards to other countries where similar studies have been carried out. The question is well defined in this context.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described, and are sufficient details provided to replicate the work?
The methodology is appropriate and well described. However, it is unclear how many of the respondents were from urban or rural areas and how applicable the findings are to other parts of Indonesia.

3. Are the data sound and well controlled?
The data that are presented appear to be sound. However there are considerable missing data and although this is stated in the text and the tables it is unclear whether the missing data are sporadic or whether a limited number of participants were responsible for all the missing data.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? The conclusions about factors influencing the attitudes to OTC in Indonesia are well supported but a further conclusion appears to be that these attitudes could possibly be influenced by further education of Indonesian doctors about the efficacy and mode of action of Ec.

6. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The conclusion could be expanded as in no. %.

7. Is the writing acceptable?
Yes
What next?: Accept without revision

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interest in relation to this paper