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Title: U.S. and Canadian Pharmacists Attitudes, Knowledge, and Professional Practice Behaviors toward Dietary Supplements: A Systematic Review

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Revisions for U.S. and Canadian Pharmacists' Attitudes, Knowledge, and Professional Practice Behaviors toward Dietary Supplements: A Systematic Review

The following revisions have been made to the manuscript:

1. Capitalization of "supplement" on p.3, 2nd paragraph, and 2nd sentence has been removed.

2. An explanation as to the rationale for grouping attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors has been provided on p.6. Specifically, it was felt that a review of these three areas would provide a good description of what U.S. and Canadian pharmacists currently think, know, and do with respect to DS that would facilitate the identification of areas in need of further research.

3. The two authors (DK and KH) who undertook the manual article culling were identified on p.7.

4. The statement that created confusion as to whether pharmacists perceived a need for regulation of dietary supplements or a need for education about regulation was removed. Specifically, the statement was "There is also a need to educate pharmacists about the current regulations governing these products in the U.S. and Canada." It was originally on p.19 of the manuscript. Based on survey data, pharmacists did not perceive a need for education about regulation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Boon, Ph.D.