Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge, attitudes and practices regarding gemstone therapeutics in a selected adult population in Pakistan

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Major compulsory revisions

Tables:
these need to be formatted so that figure line up with those above and below figures and % need to added up and cheched to make sure they add up to the denominator of 400 or 100% e.g. in Table 2 first box the % does not add up to 100%-if there is missing data anywhere this needs to be acknowledged
where educational levels are mentioned e.g. up to class 12 are mentioned an explanation needs to be given in the general methods text as to what this means so that readers can put this in context

Language and style:
This needs to be carefully checked throughout again as there are still some problematic sections specific examples include e.g. p 4 text should read 'raison d'etre'
p5 invalidated should read unvalisated
p10 had done graduation/postgraduation-should be rephrased e.g. were graduates/postgraduate
p13 receiving an advice-an needs to be removed
There are still some statements that need referencing:
p7...improving the health of the population.
p10 HHelsinki decalration
p16...propagated through this mechanism
p14 health exists in the- the should be removed

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.
Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'