Reviewer’s report

Title: Continuing medical education in Turkey: efforts of the Turkish Medical Association

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Level of interest: A paper whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Advice on publication: Accept after discretionary revisions

This is a useful paper addressing CME efforts in Turkey. I think it can be broadened to discuss CME efforts in general, and how Turkey has applied these models to its own needs. Specific recommendations are as follows:

Provide more information on the 'prescribed standards' mentioned on P.4 under Description of the CMEAC, and how these are consistent with those elsewhere

Under Discussion P.7 more detail should be provided on how the success of the CME will be or should be evaluated with regards to its impact. Clearly demonstrating the usefulness of CME will provide a more convincing argument for its implementation. The trend in increasing numbers of providers requesting CME should not be the sole measure

The end of P 8 has a good paragraph discussing the cost limitations. This is a useful part which should in fact be expanded or made into a sub-section on limitations. Perhaps one could address how physicians may pay for CME, and some ethical implications of industry support. Examples may be taken from the US where industry and academia collaborate on CME activities

How are subspecialties (non primary care) dealing with CME in Turkey?

There remain some textual and grammatical issues; eg P5, under Resources there is a '(for what?)' remaining; p.6, under Distribution of Audiences, Excepting should be changed to Excluding, and so forth. This should perhaps be reviewed again by the author for consistency.

Competing interests:

None declared.