Reviewer's report

Title: Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices survey on Organ Donation among a Selected Adult Population of Pakistan

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• Major Compulsory Revisions
  1. As this is meant to be an ethics publication, I consider it necessary for the authors to indicate the implications of their findings for ethical issues related to organ donation. What ethical issues will their findings help to clarify or resolve? How will their findings contribute to the clarification or resolution of those issues?

  2. The authors can be clearer and more substantive in their discussion of the findings. For example, on page 18, last sentence of the second paragraph, they say that “This difference can be explained by the reasoning that the patient population is expected to know more about this particular aspect of organ donation” without making clear (a) whether they were referring to the patient population in their study or in the earlier Pakistani study, (b) what particular characteristics of that patient population indicated that they were expected to know more . . . , and (c) what particular implications this finding had for the clarification or resolution of ethical issues.

  3. Significance of the study—In the first paragraph of the section on Strengths and Limitations, the authors say that “the results of our study are likely to create a greater motivational impact.” However, they do not explain how that is going to happen. It is not clear how the information in itself can be expected to generate “greater motivational impact.” The paper could benefit from a more thorough reasoning to support its conclusions. In the second and last paragraph of the Conclusion, the paper says that measures should be taken to educate people with relevant information, . . . so that people can make informed choices in the future. Did it have to take this study to find this out? Doesn’t everybody know this already? Perhaps the authors can explain why the conclusion is not trivial?

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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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