Reviewer's report

Title: Ethical Problems in Pediatrics: What Does the Setting of Care and Education Show Us?

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1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined?
Yes. The study seeks to define the ethical problems that affect the professional practice of those physicians who treat children and adolescents in their practices.

2. Are the methods appropriate and well described?
The methodology is extensively described in terms of sample participating subjects, inclusion and exclusion criteria, statistical analysis and in general, data processing.

3. Are the data sound?
The study addresses mixed methodology for managing information, so, those data could be used quantitatively or could be interpreted qualitatively.

4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition?
Information addressed in the project can be considered non-responsive and it is handled properly thus fulfilling all the prerequisites for protection of people.

5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data?
There is complete harmony between the data used in the surveys and analysis of context that the authors do find items that can be subsequently used in training programs for professionals.

6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated?
Yes. the sampling universe, objectives and methodology set appropriate limits.

7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished?
The authors know very well the state of the art of the current discussion about ethical conflicts in the exercise of pediatrics.

8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found?
The title and abstract are consistent and appropriate to the content of any article quickly placing the reader in its contents and purposes.

9. Is the writing acceptable?
10. Discretionary Revisions (which are recommendations for improvement but which the author can choose to ignore)

In our experience in the field of bioethics in pediatrics, we have tried to address issues of bioethics and hermeneutics seeking to make sense of professional attitudes against children and adolescents. We found that one of the key aspects is the search for the redefinition of the social concept of child and adolescent by professionals is essential since the subject must be passed whistleblower protection subject of rights implies a consideration as a valid partner in social dialogue

It would be interesting to include aspects related to the interpretation of the law for children and adolescents in Brazil and the presence of ethical conflicts in these same scenarios

The article is an excellent and important contribution to the professional community for the construction of new forms of more humane and sensitive medical

**Level of interest:** An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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 interest. My name, Carmen Alicia Cardozo de Martinez can be used.