Reviewer's report

Title: Research ethics in the Middle East: A review of national research ethics regulations and guidelines

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Major
- The title of the paper suggests that ALL countries in the middle east would be included in the study, but it appears that only some countries were included. Perhaps the authors meant to include only Arabic countries in the middle east rather than all countries in the middle east. This should be stated explicitly, the selection criteria identified, and the title should reflect the actual study population. Moreover, the reasons for limiting it to some countries in the middle east rather than all countries in the middle east should be explained.

Minor Essential Revisions
- editing for language and style.

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

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