Reviewer's report

Title: Pharmacist attitudes towards collaboration with general practitioners: Development and validation of a measure and a model.

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Discretionary Revisions

1. Title may be modified to clarify that the instrument is used to measure community pharmacist attitudes toward pharmacist-MD collaboration. The article discusses (page 4) limitations to existing measures of attitudes such as not specific to community pharmacist attitudes but title does not reflect that this is specific to community pharmacists. Also, some of the initial determinants, such as location and renumeration, may be unique to outpatient or community pharmacists.

2. Consider use of "compensation" or "payment" instead of "renumeration" under environmental determinants.

3. I am not sure what the purpose was of distributing the first, 21 item version of the ATCI-P to 8 GPs if the target audience was community pharmacists? If the goal is to also use this model from the GPs perspective then perhaps a statement regarding that should be added.

4. The fact that the survey is biased toward the GP with whom the pharmacist had the most interaction with should be more clearly stated. The conclusion that the ATCI-P may be useful to measure extent of collaboration in current practice is misleading as it would be severely limited to assessment of collaboration between one pharmacist and one physician. Future iterations of the tool may focus on expansion to all GPs the pharmacist comes in contact with. In most community pharmacy practices, pharmacists will experience a huge variation in the degree of communication and collaboration between physicians, so it is not accurate to generalize interaction with one MD to the entire pharmacy practice.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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