Reviewer's report

Title: Injudicious use of Laboratory Facilities in Tertiary Care Hospitals At Rawalpindi, Pakistan: A Cross-Sectional Descriptive Study

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Major Compulsory Revisions Required:

Although the article fulfills most of the criteria mentioned under the 10 questionnaire guide for reviewers; the following drawbacks are noted:

The article could have had more impact if the Consultants/GP’s were interviewed for their opinion regarding advise of tests whether routine or specialized. Keeping the context of tests advised in Pakistan, a patient is mostly seen firstly by trainee/GP who then seek advise of Consultant; if available; only for difficult cases. If 62% of specialized tests were advised by Specialists (as per the article); this is a good enough number.

The article does not indicate if the authors asked the referring doctors to justify their request for tests which I believe is important in the context of patient management. The data retrieved simply from patient files cannot, in my opinion, justify clinical relevance of test advised.

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

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 interests