Author's response to reviews

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Dear Sir,

Revision of Manuscript Ms ID: 8635222052371944 Role of pharmacists in developing countries: current scenario in Pakistan.

Thanks for your email received on 19 February and on 22 March 2009 with the constructive comments of the two reviewers. We appreciate these comments and have revised the manuscript accordingly as attached. We believe these comments have helped in enhancing the quality and clarity of the manuscript. Please also find below detailed responses to the comments of each reviewer. Changes are made using bold typeface within the revised manuscript.

We are thankful to you and the reviewers for the time spent on this manuscript.

We look forward to receiving your favorable response.

Sincerely,

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Authors’ Responses to Reviewer 1: Claire Anderson

We are very thankful to the reviewer for such constructive comments which have significantly enhanced our manuscript. We are pleased to inform you that we have accepted the changes you recommended or comments you had made and we have revised the paper accordingly.

**Comment 1:** A paragraph on the evidence for the . . . . . . : Recommendation accepted and included in the article as “Bold” text.

**Comment 2:** Illustrate what pharmacist . . . . : Recommendation accepted and included in the article as “Bold” text.

**Comment 3:** if the author could also place . . . . . . : we agree with the opinion of the reviewer and can’t deny the importance of placing pharmacy profession in the context of other health care professionals but the problem with the available statistics for the country human resource for health is

- That is not available at public domain.
- Even in the official statistics about available human resource for health, pharmacist is not there as health human resource, we will support our argument with the reference of latest economic health survey of the country page 185, 11.3, which is a base for annual budget and is available at

**Comment 4:** HR issues for those . . . . . . : At this point of time, authors are currently under taking a detailed research which is addressing inter professional issues of the health care in Pakistan which will be published separately in due course.
Authors’ Responses to Reviewer 2: Mahmood Ahmad

We are very thankful to the reviewer for their valuable comments. The responses to each comment are below in detail.

Comment 1: It is a socio economic study . . . . .: It is a review article not a research study which is elaborating the state of the pharmacy profession in the country not analyzing it’s socioeconomic impact, because at this time, the profession is just in it’s initial stage of evolution as “patient care profession”.

Comment 2: Grammatical mistakes are . . . . . : Comment accepted and the article is revised for.

Comment 3: Referencing style should . . . . . . : BMC submission system has already checked the references identified with EndNote format and accepted.