Reviewer’s report

Title: Attitudes and Barriers towards Conducting Research amongst Primary Care Physicians in Bahrain: A cross-sectional study

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Review of manuscript FAMP-D-18-00317 by Dr Ron Brooker (October, 2018)

Abstract uses appropriately headed sections and contains relevant information in a succinct manner. English expression though has errors of syntax and word usage (viz. "difficulties heralding physicians").

The Background also contains inaccurate or unusual word usage (viz. "serving point"; "burden to the (a?) nation"; "the individuals"[line12]; "gives insight"; and others)

Lines 10-21 contain three sentences that each cite the same reference which has only limited relevance to the descriptions these sentences contain. The third sentence is not supported by the article cited and its referencing should not be included.

Lines 24 to 28 cite references which should be included in the same brackets as they are at line 46.

The Method also contains some unusual English expression. Sample selection using "Slovin's formula" is appropriate but its source is not referenced. The use of the Omani "validated (by whom?) questionnaire" with minor changes challenges the originality of the study, especially when the Method section is essentially a copy of the Omani Methodology by Jahan[9]. Unfortunately, neither source provided a copy of the questionnaire. The study's sample selection and analysis procedures were appropriate for use with survey data.

While the interpretations of the Results based on the Tables' offerings of Likert scale Means and Standard Deviations are rather simplistic, they do provide some information about the questionnaire's items which has been missing. The unattached asterisks at the bottom of Tables 4 and 5 were also very much appreciated.

The Discussion restates much of the Background with appropriately placed supporting references. Apart from further unusual English usages, there were some logically developed interpretations that were appropriately directed towards policy makers in Bahrain.

In sum, the paper has replicated a limited set of findings that have been previously provided. It needs a full revision of its English usage, the inclusion of the instruments used, and a positive validation of all its References.
Provided below is a checked and validated list of References if required.

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