Reviewer's report

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

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Reviewer: Tarek Turk

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This is a well-structured study. The paper is written well, and the methodology seems sound. I have concerns about what can this study add to the current literature other than the Bahraini setting. It is well established and very frequently reported that physicians have positive attitudes towards research without actual scientific output.

Another concern is the recommendations of the study that might not align with Bahrain's economic status and might not be realistic. As important as these recommendations are, building research infrastructure and allocating fund from the ministry of health might be harder to obtain. I recommend starting with more academic goals such as supporting training programs and providing more educational and practical training opportunities for students. Also, raising awareness on the importance of research academically, professionally and scientifically among such populations. Approaching universities and academic institutions might also be more beneficial in terms of promoting research attitudes and practice. Educational support, workshops and awareness campaigns can target both medical students and physicians.

Regarding the population, are all these doctors affiliated with the MoH? They do not have any academic orientation or endeavors? It would be helpful to compare practitioners with pure clinical work, especially those working for the MoH, and practitioners with academic degrees affiliated with a university or recommend such comparison in future research studies.

It would be useful to proofread the paper in terms of language, especially methods and results section "e.g., method section: data were not data was…."

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