Author’s response to reviews

Title: Determinants of intentions to monitor antihypertensive medication adherence in Irish community pharmacy: a factorial survey

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(Reviewer 1): Thank you for the amended manuscript.

I am satisfied that the amendments and clarifications made by the author adequately address the points made in my reviewer's comments and that the article is now suitable for publication.
Response: Thank you for taking your time to review my work, I really appreciate it.

Reviewer 2 (Reviewer 2): "PEER REVIEWER ASSESSMENTS:

PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS:

GENERAL COMMENTS: DETERMINANTS OF MONITORING ANTIHYPERTENSIVE MEDICATION ADHERENCE IN IRISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY: A FACTORIAL SURVEY

Thanks for the opportunity to re-review this manuscript.

1. There is much improvement in the manuscript compared with previous submission.
REQUESTED REVISIONS:

2. Authors have admitted the need to modify the title of the study to reflect the content of the manuscript. However, the title is still largely inappropriate and unacceptable by this reviewer.

PLEASE READ THE AIM OF THE STUDY........The aim of this study was to identify facilitators and barriers to monitoring antihypertensive medication adherence of older adults at the point of repeat dispensing............

READ ALSO THE CONCLUSION....

Conclusions

This survey identified that positive pharmacist attitudes and normative beliefs can facilitate adherence monitoring within the current workflow; however contextual time barriers may prevent adherence monitoring.

Revised title: DETERMINANTS OF INTENTIONS TO MONITOR ANTIHYPERTENSIVE MEDICATION ADHERENCE IN IRISH COMMUNITY PHARMACY: A FACTORIAL SURVEY

3. Authors should appreciate the epidemiological and research implications of the word 'DETERMINANTS'. This is a factorial survey. It assessed behavioural intention in response to hypothetical situation.

PLEASE READ THIS....... However, factorial vignettes do not test actual behaviour; rather they assess behavioural intention in response to hypothetical situations......

Response: Noted – title revised

4. Authors should provide appropriate keywords based on journal recommendation or MeSH pattern. The provided keywords are verbose and rhetorical. Adherence is more appropriate than compliance. Authors have used consistently throughout the manuscript adherence' and most of the reference lists used adherence' in the published work. It is inappropriate for the authors to start arguing on appropriate use of words on medication lexicography in the current medical paradigm.
PLEASE READ AUTHORS RESPONSE TO MY QUERY…..

KEYWORDS:

i. Inappropriate and poorly written. Authors should know there is a difference between 'adherence' and 'compliance'

Yes we do know this; but not every clinician (nor researcher) understands the specific evolution of this terminology and the term compliance in fact persists in contemporaneous description of this behavioural phenomena

ii. Focus on the survey variables. Include also the survey design and site

iii. Re-cast based on journal specification or use MeSH guideline

I have expanded the key words as follows: adherence interventions, compliance, community pharmacy, factorial survey, medication adherence, medication monitoring, pharmacist attitudes, Republic of Ireland, time-pressures

Response: deleted compliance

5. Authors should review this comment. Just as in conclusion of a study, it is inappropriate to insert reference citations on strength of the authors study. It is not a literature review on strength of the study

PLEASE READ:

My query: Focus the strength of the study on your study findings and contribution to knowledge. Delete the references inserted in the strength of your study.

Authors response: I do not agree with deleting the references - they back up my arguments countering potential weakness in my study. A check of the current journal's most recent articles reveal most articles contain references within this subsection.

Thank you

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:

Title, keywords"

Response: revised. Added "intentions to monitor" to title. deleted compliance from keywords