Reviewer's report

Title: Cannabis in Medicine: A National Educational Needs Assessment among Canadian physicians

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Overall, I feel that these results are interesting and worthy of publication.

1) Major Compulsory Revisions

I have some concerns about the survey methods. In particular it is not clearly stated which organizations distributed the surveys via email. Additionally, I understand that the response rate may be difficult to calculate, but I imagine it should at least be possible to find out how many people are on each of the email lists that were used to distribute the survey.

The other concern I have about the methods is that a very high percentage of physicians who responded to the survey had been practicing for 20 or more years. How does this percentage compare with the demographics of physicians overall in Canada? This should be explained in the manuscript.

Finally, it would be important to compare these results with demographics of who is currently prescribing marijuana in Canada. Are such data available? If so, I would like to see a comparison between the GP/specialty breakdown of current prescribers versus survey respondents.

2) Minor Essential Revisions

The Results section of the Abstract is confusing as currently written. Please try to reword this section so that it is easier to understand.

3) Discretionary Revisions

N/A

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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'