Reviewer’s report

Title: Do Clerkship Schemes effectively improve Pharmacy Students’ Understanding of and Attitudes Regarding Pharmaceutical Care?——A pre-post Study in China Pharmaceutical University

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Reviewer: Badr Ratnakaran

Reviewer's report:

This reviewer has found the following limitations with the manuscript:

1) The study methodology should be clear. The authors report the inclusion criteria of having students of class of September 2014, 2015 and 2016 as a part of the study. As per this reviewers understanding from the manuscript, the clerkship is the final part of the training. Thus as per the inclusion criteria, the authors have conducted a 3 year study which is not reflected in the study. If this is the case, the title, abstract, methodology, results and discussion will need to be modified accordingly including year wise trends.

2) The administration of the study tool should be explained clearly. The authors have mentioned that the study tools were provided to the students and collected after one week. The questions this reviewer poses are how was it provided and collected? Was it in plain paper, email or in sealed envelopes? Was any blinding done? The authors also mention that the study was administered in undisturbed and quiet rooms. Does this mean the students were always in a quiet room for a week until they completed the study tool.

3) The format of clerkship should be explained as clerkship can have different meanings and curriculum in different countries

4) The introduction and discussion appears to be written by 2 different people as there is noticeable difference in the style and consistency. This hampers with the flow of reading of the manuscript. The introduction section will need to be rewritten by simplifying and fragmenting sentence and allow for consistency in the readability all throughout the manuscript.

Due above mentioned reasons, this reviewer suggests major revisions of the manuscript.

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