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Title: Preparing Competent Graduates for Delivering Pharmaceutical Care: an Experience from Northern Cyprus

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Warm greetings from North Cyprus,

I am sending you this manuscript entitled “Preparing Competent Graduates for Delivering Pharmaceutical Care: an Experience from Northern Cyprus” by me and my colleagues (Arijana Mestrovic, Rumeysa Demirdamar, and Bilgen Basgut) in the hope that it will gain the acceptance to be published after reviewing in your honorable journal.

In this study we present the implementation and evaluation of a clinical pharmacy practice (CPP) experience course, one of the first clinical experiential programs implemented in Turkey and Northern Cyprus. Students’ competencies were assessed using a standardized Objective Structural Clinical Examination (OSCE) before and after the course. Most students perceived the structure, process and outcomes of the course to be beneficial and satisfactory.

To our knowledge this is the first study reporting the experience of a structured experiential practice for students from Northern Cyprus and Turkey. Consequently, this could be implemented in other pharmacy faculties within the Turkish Higher Ministry of Education System and similarly many universities in developing countries.
This manuscript is novel, has not been published, it was part of a doctorate thesis of the first author, yet not under consideration for publication elsewhere, nor do we have conflicts of interest to disclose. I Hope the manuscript gains your acceptance and looking forward for your fruitful review comments. Thanks in advance for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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