Reviewer’s report

Title: Culture and personal influences on cardiopulmonary resuscitation- results of international survey.

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Reviewer: Reviewer 2

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PEER REVIEWER COMMENTS: To view the full report from the academic peer reviewer, please see the attached file.

REVIEWER COMMENTS FROM REPORT: This is an interesting survey study of 617 participants from three countries. The very high response rate (>90%) is impressive, although it is unclear how the researchers decided which conference attendees to approach.

The question is interesting, but it is unclear how these data should be used in practice (except that clinicians should be aware of individual biases affecting clinical decisions).

The actual structure of the survey was unclear and it may have been more clinically relevant to use a series of clinical vignettes.

REQUESTED REVISIONS:
- The abstract should be modified so that the response rate is described as a "result"
- The description of the survey needs development so that the reader understands the nature of the questions asks and how the survey was developed. This will also help in understanding the results tables (e.g. it is unclear what the score for knowledge/ sanctity v quality of life means- what is this out of? Is higher or lower better?)
- I am unclear as to the rationale for the grouping of medical professionals- e.g. I would not class a surgeon or paediatrician as similar.
- The separation of variables (continuous/ categorical) in tables is unhelpful for the reader- please merge as one table. Please also ensure that data points in tables are clearly defined.
- The results section contains a lot of descriptive text about demographics that is clearly shown in tables- please consider reducing the length
- Table 1B describes data points as mean and standard deviation, but the methods states that data were not normally distributed- please amend and describe as median (IQR)
- Please describe how researchers decided who to approach at conferences.
- Please discuss the potential benefits/ disadvantages of a survey approach that includes case vignettes with questions based on each case.
- The usefulness of the figures is unclear- they seem to add little to the paper.

ADDITIONAL REQUESTS/SUGGESTIONS:
see comments above

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If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.
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