Reviewer’s report

Title: Physicians' Knowledge and Practice on Death Certification in the North West Bank, Palestine: Across sectional study

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Reviewer: Pam Groenewald

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I think that this is an important paper which, whilst confirming work by other authors, has not to my knowledge been done in Palestine before. It is clearly written although the language should be edited prior to publication, the methods are well described and appropriate for the study.

Some specific points include:

1. It would assist readers unfamiliar with the topic if a copy of the national DNF (translated into English) was shown either as a figure or in an annexure where the differences from the WHO form could be highlighted.

Replace "filling up the DNF" with "completing the DNF" throughout document

2. Page 3, Line 52 replace scientifical with scientific.

3. Response rate of 75% should be discussed. Which drs did not respond - are they different from the study sample?

4. The Discussion could be shortened and cold be reordered to discuss the findings with regards to the errors first and then factors associated with the errors and limitations of the study.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
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Yes

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Yes

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