Reviewer’s report

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

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General Comments:

* The revised manuscript has much improved.

* The abbreviation DNFs should be replaced by DNF as it is for forms and no need for "s"

* Language editing is required.

Title: I feel that is best if the title is modified to "Physicians' Knowledge and Practice on Death Certification in the North West Bank, Palestine"

Introduction:

* Page 2, Line 53: "Despite of the World Health Organization" should be "Despite of the World Health Organization's".

Methodology:

* It would be helpful to write the number of hospitals in the North West Bank.

* Page 4,line 4: Where the 20 physicians included in the pilot study excluded from the study?

* Page 4,line 25: Remove Statistical analysis title. There is no need for it and you have the ethical approval under the heading.

* Page 4,line 35: "ministry of health" should capitalize M and H
Results:

* Table 1: Title: "Demographic characteristic of the Participating Physicians (N=150)"- It requires revision as it has variables that are not demographic. I suggest "Characteristics of Study Participants".

* Table 1: Years Since Graduation. Did you have any <1 year?

* Table 1; Specialty- % don't add to 100.

* Table 2; the total number is 155? It is written n=77 in title?

* Table 3; the percentages were incorrectly calculated. They should have been calculated from all those who did the errors and not the total if the table stays as is or preferably add those answered correctly as well in the table.

Discussion:

* Page 7: Line 51- It is mentioned that 56.9% graduated <5 years. Does it include less than one year?

* Page 8, lines 53-60: Primary care physicians are not involved in death certification.

* Page 8, line 56: "under publication", we should not include the under publication.

Figures:

* Figures 1 & 2 can be joined in one

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