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Reviewer's comment on
Use of smartphone and perception towards the usefulness and practicality of its medical applications among healthcare providers in Saudi Arabia
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Strong points
The article is relevant, concise, interesting, reader friendly, statistical analysis, written in simple language, newness and clear in terms of title, objectives and presentation.

Queries

1. What are the causes for choosing KAMC, MNG-HA as study site/area?

2. Since the sample size (basic) was 378 and adjusted sample size (after adjusting 25% of non-response expected) was 470 and sampling procedure was convenient, but response recorded from 351. Was it not possible to record the information from others HCWs since minimum sample size was calculated 378?

3. What are the rules and regulations regarding using smartphone at hospital by healthcare providers in Saudi?

4. Which one was used in statements: Likert's scale or Likert type scale?

5. How could be the response rate 93% when adjusted sample size was 470 and response collected from 351?

Weakness

1. Poorly reviewed of previous studies.

2. Not cautious in a period, initial letter of word [uppercase], and punctuation marks.
3. Not clearly mentioned the medical ethics, state's policies and regulatory provisions of using smart phone during duty time. What are the provisions of using smartphone in other countries?

4. Only quantitative data included.

5. Poor word/words consistency.

Suggestions

Please mind the following aspects:

1. keywords order: manage ascending [A to Z order]

2. words consistency: health care or healthcare, health provider or healthcare provider

3. page 4 line 30/31 appropriate use of period or initial letters [uppercase]

4. independent variables and dependent variable in methods section

5. qualitative data may be included to support the findings if possible

6. mind the place of in text citation [page 8 line 32]

Final impression: the article may be accepted after addressing the comments/queries.

Are the methods appropriate and well described?
If not, please specify what is required in your comments to the authors.

No

Does the work include the necessary controls?
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No

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