Reviewer’s report

Title: An analysis of the global pharmacy workforce capacity trends from 2006 to 2012

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Reviewer: Subal C Basak

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the interesting paper entitled "An analysis of the global pharmacy workforce capacity trends from 2006 to 2012" which presents critical findings based on data from FIP pharmacy workforce surveys.

The paper is well presented and very interesting to read. It seems to be an important subject for health policy planners. The objective of the paper is clear and concise, and very well documented. The figures and a table (Annex I) are presented properly as well.

I have no further issues to make except a few minor (optional to modify) comments:

1. The author may consider inserting the words "including pharmacists" after health workers (line 13)

2. In the introduction section, the author may consider including a definition of "pharmacist" and differentiate this from "pharmacy technician"

3. May the authors consider presenting a value of the percentage of the geographical area of the world that the countries that had data available across three-time points (2006, 2009 and 2012), in the results section.

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