

Reviewer's report

Title: Attitudes To Infertility among Primary Health Care Physicians In A Group of Cities in Turkey

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Reviewer: Lone Schmidt

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Infertility is a common reproductive health problem. In many countries the capacity for infertility examinations and treatment is not sufficient. This important study explores how primary health care physicians (PHCP's) in Turkey manage their infertile patients; their attitudes to fertility treatment; and their recommendations for how PHCP could improve their fertility services. This research is new and well defined.

The design is cross-sectional with cluster-sampling and based on self-administered questionnaires. The analyses are mainly descriptive and one multivariate analyses of predictors of evaluation of primary care of infertile cases are included. The methods are appropriate and well described, sufficient data is presented to replicate the work, and the data are sound and well controlled.

The discussion and conclusions are well balanced and supported by the analyses.

I have only minor essential revisions and most discretionary revisions:

1. The title reflects only PHCP's "attitudes to infertility". However, the study also reported PHCP's management of fertility treatment and it could be relevant to show this aspect in the title as well.
 2. In the abstract is stated that "The physicians reported that having previous interest in infertility and having worked for 10 and over years were the variables" I would instead say that "The multivariate analyses showed". I would prefer the word "multivariate" although through- out the manuscript the word "multivariable" is used. Also I would prefer to write > 10 years (with underlining >) (instead of 10 and over years).
 3. The Discussion Section, first line
It is stated that the study was conducted "to learn the feelings of physicians towards the treatment of infertility ...". I would say that the study is more about PHCP's management of infertile patient; their attitudes to fertility treatment; and their recommendations for the provision of better service in the future, and not about their feelings.
 4. The tables are all informative. However, I would prefer some fewer words as they are all very detailed.
- Minor essential revisions:
5. Sometimes percentages is written "%19.5" and sometimes "19.5%". The last version is the correct version.
 6. References number 5: Is missing an "e" in "infertile".

Quality of written English: As a Dane I find the quality acceptable. However, I am not the right person to decide this.

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests in relation to this manuscript.