

# Review of: "Views and Attitudes of Pharmacy and Medical/Dental Students Towards Inter-Professional Education and Collaboration in the United Arab Emirates"

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## Introduction

1. No description of the significant role of the medical/dental students in health care delivery.
2. Should have provided a brief description of the variables of the study like views and attitudes.
3. Inconsistent use of variables (Case in point: Views in the title and knowledge in the introduction).
4. Was not able to establish the research gap, why is there a need to do the study. There was only a mention of the four colleges having the same elective courses and extracurricular activities. The need to do the study and its significance should be highlighted.
5. Research objectives were not clearly stated (CIP: various aspects of IPE should be enumerated)
6. Research gap is found in the study area part where a system change was implemented in the Colleges of Pharmacy, Medicine and Dentistry.

## Methods

1. Research design and sampling design were not indicated.
2. Informed consent of the respondents should be properly documented, not just verbally.

## Results

1. Some results were not consistent with what is written in the abstract (CIP: 212, 250, 209, and 300 students).
2. Not clear if table 2 answers the research objective on VIEWS.
3. Attitude is supposed to be described as POSITIVE or NEGATIVE, but the responses are in Likert scale (agree, neutral, disagree). How is the interpretation done for the positive or negative attitude?
4. Table #4 responses are not clear as to what research objectives they are directed to.
5. Some of the questions for KNOWLEDGE on IPE/C in table #5 are not about knowledge but more about attitude (having the word "fear"). Knowledge questions should be direct about IPE, like (1) what is the primary goal of IPE? (2) what are the components of IPE? and others
6. Data in table #6 makes the current title inappropriate, as it seems that the study is focused on the role of pharmacists in IPC?

Overall:

Data collected is valuable; the author just needs to re-organize the research objectives.