



Response to Letter Regarding "Education, training, and perceptions of physician competency among medical cannabis patients in Israel"

Dear Editor,

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the letter by Kuswandi et al., which offers thoughtful reflections on our recently published article, "Education, training, and perceptions of physician competency among medical cannabis patients in Israel." We are encouraged by their recognition of the study's contribution to understanding age-related differences in patient experiences and educational needs related to medical cannabis.

We acknowledge the limitations noted in their response, particularly the need for clearer distinctions between "education" and "training," and the reliance on patient perceptions to assess physician competency. While subjective perceptions may not reflect objective clinical knowledge, we believe they can offer meaningful insights into patient trust, satisfaction, and unmet needs in the evolving landscape of medical cannabis care. Our intent was to foreground these experiences as a basis for improving communication and guidance strategies.

We strongly agree with Kuswandi et al. on the importance of developing standardized, evidence-informed, and age-responsive training for clinicians. We also support their call for interprofessional collaboration and attention to psychosocial and cultural dimensions of care. The need to critically assess informal sources of cannabis information, particularly among younger patients, is likewise urgent and deserves further research.

As medical cannabis use expands globally, we echo the call for collaborative research efforts that span disciplines and borders. We would welcome opportunities to work collaboratively to build more robust, equitable, and patient-centered approaches to cannabis education and care.

Sincerely,

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