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**Inappropriate antibiotic prescribing: understanding clinicians' perceptions to enable changes in prescribing practices**

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## Supplementary S1: Survey Questionnaire

### Electronic Consent

Please note that completion of the survey indicates your consent to being involved in the study.

i. **What is your age, please select the appropriate age category**

- Below 18       18-24       25-34       35-44       45-54       55-64  
 Above 65

ii. **What is your gender?**

- Male       Female       Other

iii. **You have been practicing medicine for**

- 1-5 years       6-10 years       11-15 years       16-20 years       > 20 years

iv. **Select the area of specialization**

- Medicine       Surgery       Paediatrics       Gynaecology and Obstetrics       Orthopaedics  
 Urology       Dermatology       Ophthalmology       Cardiology       Others

v. **Select the type of your practice(s)**

- Public practice       Private practice       Mixed practice

vi. **Please enter the postcode of your workplace(s)**

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vii. **Do you follow any specific antibiotic prescription guidelines in your practice?**

- a. Yes  
b. No  
c. No information about antibiotic prescription guidelines

**If yes, please specify whether these guidelines are:**

- a. Intranet/local guidelines  
b. National guidelines (e.g. Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotics)

viii. **How often do you use the above specified guidelines for prescribing antibiotics?**

- a. Multiple times in a day
- b. Once a day
- c. Once a week
- d. Once a month
- e. Never

ix. **In your opinion, which of the following factors can be barriers to appropriate antibiotic prescribing (please select all that apply):**

- a. Delay in diagnostic tests/cultures
- b. Lack of information (formulary restrictions, local resistance pattern etc.)
- c. Absence of prescription guidelines
- d. Pressure from patients
- e. Knowledge and perceptions of healthcare providers
- f. Others (please specify):

x. **Does your hospital have any electronic system/module for the following purposes?**

No system      Basic system      Fully functional advanced system

a. Patient information management (i.e. electronic medical records)

b. Medication management (i.e. electronic ordering)

c. Decision support (i.e. alerts and reminders)

xi. **If there is an clinical decision support system in your hospital(s), which of the following functionalities it provides specifically for antibiotic stewardship (please select all that apply):**

- a. Optimal selection of treatment
- b. Formulary information on antibiotic treatments

- c. Protocols and antibiotic prescription guidelines
- d. Knowledge-base (central repository of information)
- e. Allergy/mismatch alerts
- f. Prescription based-reminders
- g. Dosing calculators
- h. No functionality is specific to antibiotic stewardship
- i. Any other: (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

xii. **In your opinion, what can be the likely impact of electronic decision support systems on antibiotic management in your hospital?**

Strongly disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly agree

a. Improvement in quality of care and patient safety

b. Increase in efficacy of antibiotic treatment

c. Access to protocols, guidelines and medicine information

d. Decrease in unnecessary broad-spectrum antibiotic prescriptions

e. Reduction in cost of antibiotic therapy

xiii. **Do you think that the following factors can be considered as barriers for clinical decision support system?**

Strongly disagree    Disagree    Neutral    Agree    Strongly agree

a. Lack of knowledge, training and technical support on

b. Clinical time constraints

c. Patients' preferences

d. Limits professional autonomy

e. Lack of confidence in the content of the system

f. Ethical Risks associated with clinical decision support systems

g. Medico-legal liability

xiv. **Which of the following factors can facilitate the use of clinical decision support system in your daily practice?**

Strongly disagree      Disagree      Neutral      Agree      Strongly agree

a. Departmental/Organizational support

b. Ease of use

c. Technical support and training

d. Users' participation in planning, designing and implementation phases

e. Timely access to resources

xv. **Do you want to share any specific recommendation(s)/concern(s) for implementation of clinical decision support systems for antibiotic management?**