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Journal Name:	Journal of Advances in Medical and Pharmaceutical Sciences
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JAMPS_122970
Title of the Manuscript:	ASSESSING THE KNOWLEDGE, ATTITUDE AND PRACTICE (KAP) OF PMTCT AMONG HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GHANA LEGON.
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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This work assessed KAP OF PMTCT among healthcare providers at a local hospital as previously reported at other regions. The study was systematically preformed. However, there might be a significant bias leading to incorrect conclusion. As seen from the Table 1, most (86.81%) of the participants aged ≤ 30 years. They were nurses or doctors meaning that they were just in their career less than 10 years and might be work for PMTCT just few years. How could they have such a high KAP score of PMTCT. The study should have recruited participants in various age groups or should classify their participants by years of experience on PMTCT related work.</p> <p>The writing of this article was too long for a scientific research paper. The readers do not need to know how the researchers' hospital was established and developed as presented in the Study Area section.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>No. I think the abbreviation "KAP" should be removed and the word "PMTCT" should be written in full word.</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>No. It is too long with lot of irrelevant information but some necessary data are missing including total number of participants, briefed demographics of the participants (i.e. numbers of each sex, average ages, and occupation), and the full word of PMTCT.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>If it is not the journal format, there are some unnecessary sections such as Problem statement. And the LITERATURE REVIEW should be a part of the Introduction, should not it? It looks like a book chapter.</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>As mentioned above, I think this work was well designed but most of the recruited participants were young and had less working experience. So asking them about KAP should get low scores as reported. But these results did not reflect the real situation. The authors presented in the Results "Nurses comprised the largest group (37.4%), followed by midwives (40.7%)", as the number shown the largest group was actually the midwives. Since the researchers separated midwives from other nurses, they should compare the average KAP test scores of these 2 groups to show whether the midwives performed better than other nurses. I assumed that all doctors in this presentation were the obstetricians. If some were not, the authors should mention and compare the average KAP scores of these 2 groups as well.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	
<p>Minor REVISION comments</p> <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>		
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PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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