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Title of the Manuscript:	Knowledge, attitudes and practices related to healthcare ethics among medical and dental postgraduate students in Central India
Type of the Article	Study Protocol

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**PART 1: Review Comments**

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b>	<b>Author's comment</b> (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p><b>Some parts of the study protocol as proposed should be reconsidered to make this work even more precise and rigorous.</b></p> <p><b>Regarding the introduction, the author does not make general considerations about the practice of ethics in medicine in general and in dentistry in particular in India. The problems addressed in this protocol are not systematically explained by referring to previous works on the same subject and indicating possible gaps or little explored aspects.</b></p> <p><b>Regarding the methodology, the authors do not describe the setting in which the study will be conducted and the characteristics of the people who will be included in the survey.</b></p> <p><b>The sampling method used is not well described, nor are the variables that will be useful in assessing knowledge, attitudes and practices. This makes it difficult to predict how these results will be presented and likely analyzed by statistical methods.</b></p> <p><b>The questionnaire appended to the manuscript would provide a better understanding of the type of variables chosen and how they will be categorized as appropriate, analyzed and presented.</b></p> <p>The authors do not report how they themselves will enforce ethical principles in the design of their data collection tools, during the actual collection as they must indicate how they obtained consent from study participants. Authors should also demonstrate that they have received approval from an ethics committee before beginning data collection.</p> <p>This work strongly resembles a Research work done in 2015 and available on the following link <a href="https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Chandrashekar-Janakiram/publication/261608961_Knowledge_attitudes_and_practices_related_to_healthcare_ethics_among_medical_and_dental_postgraduate_students_in_south_India/links/5655351508ae4988a7b0a128/Knowledge-attitudes-and-practices-related-to-healthcare-ethics-among-medical-and-dental-postgraduate-students-in-south-India.pdf">https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Chandrashekar-Janakiram/publication/261608961_Knowledge_attitudes_and_practices_related_to_healthcare_ethics_among_medical_and_dental_postgraduate_students_in_south_India/links/5655351508ae4988a7b0a128/Knowledge-attitudes-and-practices-related-to-healthcare-ethics-among-medical-and-dental-postgraduate-students-in-south-India.pdf</a> Is it the same team that would like to conduct a comparative study?</p>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>The theme is interesting especially in the most proposed perspective of patient-centered approach considering also his social and cultural capital. In a sector as sensitive and competitive as dentistry, it is important to consider patients' apprehensions and to reconcile socio-cultural norms with universal ethical principles.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> <p><b>The authors do not report how they themselves will enforce ethical principles in the design of their data collection tools, during the actual collection as they must indicate how they obtained consent from study participants. Authors should also demonstrate that they have received approval from an ethics committee before beginning data collection.</b></p>	

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