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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(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)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The paper describes a developed protocol to be used to assess the awareness about Occupational safety among the Laboratory staff in Health care settings. • The authors have extensively quoted the material from the Reference 1 (281words), Reference 4 (284 words), Reference 3 (155 words) and Reference 2 (118 words). • While going through the references 1 to 4 especially, there are frequent references to the biological, physical and occupational hazards or disease injuries which look more repetitions of the same word or concept. <p>The notable miss in the protocol are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objectives are not well-defined. • The information about the Population size is missing. • The protocol does not provide any information about the number of participants to be studied. • The structure questionnaire through which the data is expected to be collected is not given. • The provision of structure questionnaire would have clearly shown what type of data the investigators are actually going to collect. • If the authors have already developed such a structured questionnaire, it can be shown in the protocol. Such a structured questionnaire if available, would serve as a future reference for such studies. • As per the expected outcomes, the study will throw light on the proper level of the awareness and knowledge among the health care professionals working in the laboratory. • It is not clear how they will decide the level of awareness and knowledge among the health workers unless they have a reference standard to measure their level of knowledge is up to the mark or not? • It is not clear how through questionnaire, the investigators will decide whether the health care professional are well aware of occupational hazards and health safety issues at their work place? Again, without reference, it cannot be decided. This may be clarified. • I expect that there are standard guidelines for health professionals to work in a laboratory. <p>The study protocol needs to be developed in view of the above comments. The study protocol is not acceptable under the current format.</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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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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