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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (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	Much has been discussed in the body of the manuscript, however, they were not specified in the objectives. Please improve your objective statements.	<p>Given the background, it was imperative to take the opportunity to study the knowledge, practice and attitude of this important category of personnel of the health system. It would not only allow for the rare opportunity of self-expression of this category of health care personnel but also help identify gaps in knowledge and practice which could be of direct benefit to the participants as well as to the hospital management or policy makers.</p> <p>Our objective was to assess the knowledge, attitude, and practice of different categories of health care support personnel on COVID-19. And to compare the knowledge, attitude, and practice on COVID-19 amongst the different types of health care support personnel of two South Asian Countries (Bhutan and Sri Lanka).</p>
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Discussion may be further enriched by using the related literatures gathered, citing some studies that support or negate the present study.</li><li>2. Is there no possibility of conducting an interview or focus group discussion among your respondents for triangulation?</li></ol>	<p>1.The mean knowledge test score for Sri Lanka (7.74) was slightly higher than that of Bhutan (7.55). Indian health care workers cross sectional study, overall adequate knowledge stated as 82.9% but only 19.4% were the non-professional health care workers where all our participants were belongs to non-professional staff.<sup>13</sup> In Peshawar, Parkistan study had good overall knowledge about COVID-19 (90.7%) and that is also among professional health care workers.<sup>16</sup> Most support staff (93.6%) in this study, wear a mask all the time at work and practice handwashing (73.9%) which similar to the Indian and Parkistan study where the participants following safety practices most of the time ranged between 77.5 - 96.1% and 80-90% respectively.<sup>16,17</sup></p> <p>2.As we have completed the data collection, discussion among the participant isn't possible. But I agree with you that it will help. That is a good suggestion for future studies. Many thanks,</p>
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>Congratulations for a very comprehensive research outputs.</p> <p>You may further wok on the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Relate knowledge with attitude</li><li>2. Relate attitude with practice</li><li>3. Relate knowledge with practice</li></ol>	<p>Thank you Will investigate them.</p>

### PART 2:

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

