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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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language needs significant editing for clarity. Currently the readability is poor for this manuscript, specifically for introduction and discussion sections. 2. Study questionnaire should be provided as supplement to the manuscript 3. In the methods section, please indicate how the survey tool was administered – was it online vs offline, supervised vs unsupervised? 4. In the method section, please indicate what was the time period of the data collection. As the authors note, the attitude toward COVID-19 vaccine can change with time, therefore provision of timeline is of utmost importance in putting the findings in context of existing literature 5. In the method section, please indicate what were the exclusion criteria, if any, and how many invited participants were excluded based on these? 6. In the methods section, please expand on recruitment of participants, how were they identified, how were they invited, were there any incentives to participation, were there any penalties for refusing to participate? 7. In the results section, please indicate what was the response rate for the survey? 8. In the results section, please indicate if any of the collected responses were excluded from final analysis and if so, for what reasons? 9. In the results section, authors write “Findings in table 2 illustrated attitude toward vaccination against COVID-19 (48.3%) as seen in table 2.” These figures are not present in table 2. Please further explain how this was calculated. 10. In the method section, instrument and data collection subsection, authors note that information on COVID-19 in friends and relatives was collected, However, analysis of this data is not provided. Please provide this information or provide rationale for exclusion of this. <p>Please note that in the absence of survey instrument / study questionnaire, I am unable to assess the validity of the survey design and analysis used and will refrain from commenting on these until the survey instrument is made available.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. In the discussion section, there is room for much improvement. In it's current form, the readability of language is poor (as noted above) and the overall section lacks flow. My suggestion would be to divide this section in paragraphs or subsections with each discussing the a key finding of the study and placing it in context of existing literature. I would also suggestion providing a description of the overall population of medical / allied students in Yemen and commenting on how the study population differs from this which has implications for generalizability., 12. The limitations section needs to be expanded. In the absence of survey tool and recruitment details as requested above, I am unable to provide an exhaustive list of limitations but the ones to consider would be – selection bias, recall bias, social desirability bias. 	<p>Thank you for your kind comments in this work and were taken in consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language needs editing for clarity DONE 2. Yes, it will be provided as supplement to the manuscript on request. 3. DONE Yes it was clarified in the method as it was supervised by the authors in the classroom (offline) 4. It was mentioned in the first paragraph under the subheading of study design “their first semester of the academic year 2021-2022 (September and October)”. 5. No exclusion criteria could be applied in this pool of students because all are under the same University and in classrooms. However, it was mentioned “recruitment of participants was based on the randomly identified student in the same classroom regardless of sex differentiation (as the male and female students were found in the same classroom), however, it was ensured that there were not any penalties for refusing to participate, and in the same time there is no any incentives for those participated in the study. Exclusion only of those do not accept to be included in the study. 6. Included in the answer for question 5. DONE 7. As the process of administering the questionnaire in the classroom, thus the response rate was 100%. DONE 8. All the answers were included in the analysis, however, some very questions showed a small number of missing and were treated accordingly. 9. Thank you for your comment. Yes, it was missed by mistake. However, it was stated at the bottom of the same table 2. DONE 10. Your concern regarding the role of family and friends as a source of information was added. 11. As coming in your suggestion that to divide the discussion into sections was done and rephrasing of the paragraph also was done. DONE <p>Regarding the comments on the limitations reported in this study, the authors would like to clarify this point to the reviewer, that sample in this survey was selected and calculated adequately and so we did not recognize any of the mentioned limitations by the reviewer (selection bias, recall bias, social desirability bias) as related to our study. Our study was done in different colleges of different specialties but from the same university. The sample was selected randomly and an electronically generated selection of each unit (student) of the sample size. A proportional sample size was also generated from each college as well as from each class in each college accordingly. DONE</p>
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PART 2:

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