Reviewer’s report

Title: Evaluation of health care waste management practices in a tertiary care governmental hospital of Nepal

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Major Compulsory Revisions

The manuscript, in its present form, contains some weaknesses. Appropriate revisions to the following points should be undertaken in order to justify recommendation for publication. There are many linguistic mistakes that should be corrected. The manuscript should be reviewed by a person who has a native English language. Following are some examples:

Page 2, last two lines “The training programs included segregation, collection and handling of waste as well as its transportation, treatment and disposal of waste, occupational health and safety. “ should be revised.

Page 6, in the paragraph “The executive director was responsible for overall activities of the committee including managing annual budget allocation for HCWM activities, equipment purchasing from internal sources of the hospital.” “and” should be inserted after the comma.

Page 7, last paragraph “The open area container kept close to the patient contained general or non-hazardous waste and the closed area container kept isolated from the patients’ access contained infected and hazardous waste.” the word “infected” should be replaced with the word “infectious”

Page 8, second paragraph “The waste collected was transported to the designated storage area by two separate trolleys one for risk waste and other for non-risk waste. This was performed on each shift (first shift” this paragraph should be revised.

The title should be changed as follows: “Impact of intervention on health care waste management practices in a tertiary care governmental hospital of Nepal”

In the subsection “Study tool and data analysis”, The score of the IRAT analysis presented in this subsection is not clear. It should be well defined. For example, when do we have a “5” score and when do we have a “0.5” score?

The conclusion should be expanded.

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There should be detailed specific recommendations for practical purposes based on the results of the study. For example, some recommendations should be added mainly emphasizing on the use of inexpensive but impressive methods of gaining public support for waste management activities with the limited resources available.

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests