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Thank you for your review of our article. Only reviewer 3 suggested one addition to the manuscript. The response to reviewers’ comments are as follows:

Reviewer 3:

In Material and Methods, the reviewer 2 asked the criteria of hospital selection. The authors’ answered that they had done a random sampling. However, there is no description about the number of hospitals in each list of public and private hospitals. It is preferred to present the actual number of the hospitals.

This information has been included in the first paragraph of the material and methods section as suggested by the reviewer: “In the first stage, 6 major public and 4 major private tertiary care hospitals of Lahore were listed separately. (Hospitals were defined as major if they had at least one professor-level internist among their list of consultants and if their monthly OPD turnover was > 1000 patients).”