Reviewer's report

**Title:** Preservice Laboratory Education Strengthening Enhances Sustainable Laboratory Workforce

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Major Compulsory Revisions (which the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

1. The work addresses the training of laboratory technologists in Ethiopia so the title should state this explicitly.
2. The study design is not stated at the outset.
3. What were the intended outcomes and how were these measured?
4. The results and discussion need to be displayed separately as it is difficult to tease out the results with the current lay out.
5. The advantages and limitations of this study design/methods need to be discussed in more detail.
6. There was no information on feedback from students about their better training opportunities. It would also be useful to have had feedback from the employers about the quality of the graduates before and after the intervention.

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

1. Page 7, paragraph 2, line 5- in recognition instead of in recognization
2. Was the goal of the project to describe or to evaluate the feasibility of strengthening the undergraduate training of laboratory technologists?
3. It would be useful to include the budget/costs of the intervention even though a number of these were donations.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**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'