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Reviewers comment: It has come to our attention that throughout the manuscript there is significant text overlap with other publications. While we understand that you may wish to express some of the same ideas contained in these publications, please be aware that we cannot condone the use of text from previously published work. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide a justification for the overlap in text between your manuscript and other sources.

Response: The following sections was rewritten; (Abstract section, line 24-25, page 2), (Background section, line 54-56, line 60, line 62-66, page 3), (Background section, line 73-75, line 86-91, page 4) (Background section, line 92-93, page 5), (Methods section, line 114-115, line 131-133, page 6), (Methods section, line 134-136, page 7), (Discussion section, line 244-248, page 13), (Discussion section, line 254-255, page 13), (Discussion section, line 299-303, page 15)

The following sections was not rewritten

• Some was them were was words to be used in similar studies E.g Health Science Students, Non-Health Science students, cross-sectional, population, Knowledge, Attitude, Practice

• Statistical terms E.g AOR, CI, More (less) likely to have

• Data quality assurance methods, Methods of analysis techniques of ethics approval and consent to participate and availability of data and materials which could be used in similar fashion in other studies which is not a direct copy paste but international analysis methods to be followed by any researcher
• Words to be used for comparison of study findings in the discussion section in different studies e.g. this is comparable to a study conducted in, This finding is different from the finding of a study conducted in

Reviewers comment: Please change the Methods and materials heading to Methods

Response: Methods and Materials heading changed to Methods (Methods section, line 97, page 5)

Reviewers comment: Please state the reason for verbal consent in this study and whether the ethics committee approved this procedure.

Response: The consent was verbal because the personal identity was protected and the participants were uncomfortable in signing as they taught they will be identified by their signature. So, it was easy to build a trust with the study participants. The authors discussed with the ethics committee and it was approved

Reviewers comment: Please represent authors’ names using their full initials, not their full name, in the Authors’ Contributions section. If there are any duplicated initials, please differentiate them to make it clear that the initials refer to separate authors.

Response: Authors name was described using their initials in the Authors’ contribution section.