Reviewer’s report

Title: Motivational factors for blood donation, potential barriers, and knowledge about blood donation in first-time and repeat blood donors

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Reviewer: Suchet Sachdev

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Dear Authors,

The small number of donors surveyed, and the fact that data was probably to the best of my understanding taken from the volunteers, rather than self administering response, I think has resulted in conflicting results.

1. How can the behavior of staff be a motivation or as a matter of fact be a deterrent particularly at the first instance of donation?

2. Surprisingly in such a knowledge level these many people can then express their concerns about the privacy during donor during medical screening, or the concern about blood being sold?

3. Though these may have actually been obtained due to methodology adopted of asking question and then filing response on behalf of the participant.

Kindly clarify the questions detailed below

1. How was the questionnaire validated in detail? Are 5 questions enough to assess knowledge?

2. There is repeat of matter in tables again in text, that can be avoided.

3. How does these findings add to the existing knowledge?

4. Would it not have been better to have non-donors as study group?

Finally I am not convinced that the article submitted is suitable for consideration of possible publication

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