Reviewer’s report

Title: Study of laboratory staff’s knowledge of biobanking in Côte d'Ivoire

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The paper describes a study concerning the knowledge of different categories of person on Biobanking awareness in Ivory Coast. The study is well conducted and the statistical analysis is appropriate. It is well described, however it need deeper analysis of some aspects.

I suggest the following revisions:

1) Check the correctness of the reported name of the Country in the title.
2) In general, the paper need an implementation of the references due to the huge amount of literature that has been published on the topic.
For example, I suggest to implement with more recent references, as follows, considering to add other that you will find in the flourishing literature on biobanks:

*pag.1 line 40 description of a biobank:

*Pag.1 Line 49 three interests of biobank:
Add references at each of the three purposes, for example:

Some other references have to be added to references 7 regarding low income countries and biobanks, for example references from South Africa

3) The discussion paragraph need to be implemented in the central part where the comparison with other published studies is described (line155 and 161), discussing with more details the differences and similarities with other published studies.
I suggest some reference as starting point, to be compared with as well:

4) Finally in the last two sentences there are some affirmation that are quite old, today it is well established and accepted to what biobank refers, please clarify.

5) References n.5 and 6 are not complete, please specify.

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