MINOR REVISIONS

Abstract:
Methodology / Lines 22-24:
- The first half of the last sentence (A total of 401 HCWs responded to the self-administered questionnaire) should be moved in the Result Section.
- The last sentence in Methodology section could be : A self-administered questionnaire was designed to capture information on knowledge of occupational exposure to HIV infection.

Conclusion / line 40 : …the use of personal protective equipment…

Methodology :
Lines 103-104 : The sentence (However a total of 401 HVWs…) could be deleted : this information was included in the Result section, lines 174-175.

Results :
Lines 174-176: the first two sentences are accurate. The last one might be changed to : However, if the condition for the required sample is taken into consideration the lower than expected recruitment rate stands at 67%.

Discussion :
Lines 228-229: the sentence is correct.

MAJOR REVISIONS

Methodology :
Lines 98-101 : I am not statistician, however given : the 35% HCWs with adequate knowledge on occupational exposure to HIV ; 1.96 value of the CI ;
0.04 acceptable margin of error; and 10% of non-responses, the minimum sample size required for the study seems to be somewhat above 300 rather than 600?

Discussion:
Lines 204-205: HCWs who participated in the study may not be representative of HCWs employed in these hospitals due to the fact that the minimum sample size required (as has been stated in the Methodology section) for the study is not reached. (This make it difficult to extract significant conclusions from the analysis so that they could be generalized to all HCWs in these hospitals).