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# Peer Review Report for "Performance of Students and Nursing Staff in Nosocomial Infection Control in Behbahan City"

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**REFEREE**: Reviewer | Revision (0)

27 Jul 2020

Dear AE,
In this study “Performance of students and clinical staffs in nosocomial infection control in Behbahan city” authors aimed to evaluate and compare the performance of students and clinical staff in nosocomial infection control in Behbahan city in1398. They reported that the performance scores of the samples regarding infection control were in good condition which could be a result of hospitals' approach and programs in control infection. They recommended extending educational and monitoring programs in this field. This manuscript cannot be accepted for publication in its present form because of the following concerns:
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- All keywords should be in Mesh.
- Introduction is comprehensive.
- The reason for statistical tests should be a note in methods.
- The discussion is comprehensive nevertheless the author should introduce some research limitations.
- The references should be corrected according to the format of the journal.
Thanks.

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Dear AE,
In your assessment of this paper it may be useful to consider the following points:
- It is better to correct text grammatically and rewrite it.
- Ad in your discussion report some of the limitations of this study in detailed.
- In conclusion, this study is well written and is well designed. Although, the study does not contribute novel knowledge or add sufficiently to the current Science.
- It would be helpful to the readers if this were displayed in diagram format.
- A questionnaire should be attached.
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**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: Associate Editor | **Revision** (0) 19 Sep 2020

Dera EIC,
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**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: EIC | **Revision** (0) 19 Sep 2020

Dear Author,
Your article is reviewed by the reviewers carefully. According to their comments, this

document needs minor revision. Please follow their comments as requested.

Thanks.

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Reviewers' Comments:

Reviewer 1:

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All keywords were modified according to the mesh.

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In the method section, the reasons for using statistical tests were given.

- The discussion is comprehensive nevertheless the author should introduce some research limitations.

Limitations added to the article

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According to the journal format, doi was added to the reference, but not found in any articles.

Reviewer 2:

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The article was grammatically rewritten.

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Diagram added.

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The questionnaire is attached.

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Associate Editor's Comments:

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Thanks.

**REFEREE**: Reviewer | **Revision** (1) 25 Oct 2020

Dear AE,
Thanks for the correction, I think the article is acceptable.
Thanks.

**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: Associate Editor | **Revision** (1) 27 Oct 2020

Dear EIC,
I have read the corrected version of the article. The authors have addressed most of the raised points.
Thanks.

**Hamidreza Kouhpayeh**: EIC | **Revision** (1) 27 Oct 2020

Dear Author,
The document is reviewed carefully by the reviewers. According to their comments and your revisions as requested, this manuscript is accepted.
Thanks.