Dear Editor,

We wish to submit a new manuscript entitled “[Awareness and Implementation of Infection Control Measures in Private Dental Clinics, Holy Makkah, Saudi Arabia]” for consideration by the [*International  Journal of Infection control*].

We confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere. No conflict of interest to be declared.

In this article, we report on knowledge and attitude of dentists in ten distinct regions of Makkah; a city in the Hejaz in Saudi Arabia; the capital of its Makkah Region to access the level of dentists’ awareness in private sector of Makkkh. To the best of our knowledge it the first study done in our region although the majority of residents is treated by this sector.

The paper could be of interest to readers in all areas of dental practice as well as to Infection prevention department of Ministry of health, Saudi Arabia that control the private sector practice. Recommendations of this research may urge them to take corrective actions accordingly.

This work is supported by 8 tables and 23 references.

Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

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