Table 3 Physicians' knowledge concerning medical error reporting in their hospital Statement Agree Don't know Don't agree I think there is under-reporting of medical errors in the hospital 50.0 28.8 21.2 I think shortage and overload is one cause of medical error occurrence in the 12.5 13.5 hospital 74.0 I think lack of experience and training is one cause of medical errors 81.9 9.5 8.6 I think poor language and communication could be one significant cause of medical errors 10.7 18.5 70.8 The medical administration office has a positive contribution in promoting error 49.0 39.2 11.8 reporting The medical administration office deals confidentially with medical errors that are reported 19.0 22.9 58.1 To my knowledge the cause of not reporting medical errors is that the reporting process is not clear 21.2 49.0 29.8 To my knowledge the cause of not reporting medical errors is the reporting process is complex and time consuming 35.2 23.8 41.0 In my opinion, the most frequently encountered medical errors in this hospital are medication related 35.9 37.9 26.2 In my opinion, the most frequently encountered medical errors in this hospital are patient falls 38.1 34.3 27.6 In my opinion, the most common medical errors in this hospital are diagnostic related 45.7 41.9 12.4 In my opinion, the most frequently encountered medical errors in this hospital are related to late interventions 47.1 16.6 36.3 In my opinion, laboratory related medical errors are the most frequently

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In my opinion, transfusion related medical errors are the most frequently

In my opinion, surgical related medical errors are the most frequently