

Table 5 Study findings related to HWM practices

HWM practices	Overall, % (n = 10)	Private hospitals, % (n = 7)	Public hospitals, % (n = 3)	P* (Fisher's exact test)
<i>Waste segregation</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	–
<i>Colour coding</i>	0.0	0.0	0.0	–
<i>Waste handling, storage and transport</i>				
<i>Use of personal protective equipment</i>				
Gloves (surgical or thick)	80.0	85.7	66.7	1.00
Face masks	40.0	57.1	0.0	0.20
Plastic aprons	30.0	42.9	0.0	0.48
Protective shoes/long boots	40.0	57.1	0.0	0.20
<i>Presence of temporary waste storage area</i>	90.0	85.7	100.0	1.00
<i>Restricted access to temporary storage area</i>	20.0	28.6	0.0	1.00
<i>At least once monthly disinfection of temporary storage area</i>	40.0	57.1	0.0	0.20
<i>Internal transport containers</i>				
Plastic bags	20.0	28.6	0.0	1.00
Containers with lids	40.0	42.9	33.3	1.00
Containers without lids	50.0	42.9	66.7	1.00
<i>Internal transport vehicles/medium</i>				
Trolley (3 or 4 wheels)	20.0	14.3	33.3	1.00
Carts/wheelbarrows (1 or 2 wheels)	60.0	57.1	66.7	1.00
Manually carrying bags/by hand	60.0	71.4	33.3	0.50
<i>Waste disposal</i>				
<i>Incinerators</i>				
Present	70.0	57.1	100.0	0.48
Functional (n = 7)	71.4	100.0	33.3	0.14

*Caution should be used to interpret the P values due to small sample size.

HWM = hospital waste management.