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Title	Role of medical students on raising awareness about chronic diseases during the COVID-19 pandemic.
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Content	Background: The COVID-19 corona virus outbreak, is one of the biggest pandemics that has striken the world. Recent studies have shown that most of the victims who died because of COVID-19 were patients of at least one chronic diseaseObjective: The aim of this study is to assess Sudanese medical students knowledge , attitude and practice towards chronic diseases during the pandemicMethod: This cross-sectional study was conducted on Sudanese medical students from the 23rd to the 26th of May,2020 on 6 different universities. An online questionnaire was used, it consisted of a total of 14 questionsResults: Analysis of the responses demonstrated that the students had an overall good knowledge about the topic as 76.37 % of the knowledge questions were answered correctly even though they were lacking on certain areas like identification of chronic diseases and being able to distinguish them from other types of diseases . Also, the study showed that 73.3% of the students have already participated in raising awareness. Whereas, 73.1% of the students who have not participated are willing to participate. Also 65.2% of the students voted that chronic diseases are being neglected during the pandemic and they need more attention Conclution: The results indicated that the students are aware of the problem and are willing to move towards solving itRecommendation: Based on the results, I recommend more care and attention to be given to medical students to perform their own activities during this pandemic.