

Review of: "Medical Profession in Nigeria Since 1960"

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Dears Egodi Uchendu, Chison Uchendu, and Blessing Onuoha.

Congratulations—this subject is very important. Discussing corruption in the medical field is a great taboo in Africa. My recommendation is to prepare this manuscript for publication after improving it with the reviewers' suggestions.

1- Change the title; it does not have any relation to the discussion of the issue. Please let it become, "Corruption in the medical field: Facts from Nigeria."

2- The "general objectives" should become "reporting facts about corruption in the medical field in Nigeria."

3- In the Methodology, could you please explain "when" the data was collected? "why" in this specific region? and "how" you chose the respondents (criteria)?

4- In the Discussion, pay attention to the second paragraph: "Our study also discovers that..."; remember, the goal of this study is not to "discover," but to "report facts."

5- As we know, in Africa, after independence, the majority of the countries provide free health care. It sounds good to compare medical corruption among countries with "free health care" and "not free health care."

6- In the majority of the countries in Africa, the health sector has the "public system," "private system," and "mixed system." It sounds good to compare medical corruption among those systems.

7- In conclusion, some words about "medical corruption." I understand your facts when your "literature review" talks about this in "developed/rich countries." It is a real fact; we cannot hide that. On one hand, it works well, but on another hand, it works as an incentive to be corrupt, once it also exists in the USA/Europe. The African younger generation can become corrupt. The explanation will be that "corruption also exists in rich countries."

I do not have a suggestion for how to work the literature about "medical corruption" in the developed countries, but I suggest touching on that as a manner not to incentivize corruption in our country. We cannot be corrupt because others are corrupt. Africa cannot be corrupt because the USA is corrupt.