

# Review of: "Prevalence and Factors Associated With Non-communicable Diseases Among People Living With HIV at Kalisizo Hospital in Kyotera District, Uganda: A Cross-Sectional Study"

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## Title:

1. It is indicated as: **Non-Communicable Diseases** in general. This provides the readers with an impression that you are studying all the NCDs, which was not the case. Kindly revise it.

## Methodology:

1. How did you consider gender balance and participant representation in the recruitment process, as the results portray far more female participants compared to men?
2. In measuring the tobacco and alcohol use variables, what scale was used as your guide? Did you adopt any scale, or did you develop your own? What were the reasons for your choice? Were they categorized as heavy, mild, or occasional users? This was not clear in your methodology.

## Findings

1. The table showing the summary of participant recruitment process can be taken to the methodology section.
2. Ageing comes with frail health, including NCDs. How was this considered, given the fact that you had a population of 55 and above living with HIV?

## Recommendations

1. The recommendations need strengthening to enhance policy and practice since this is a crucial topic that has been studied. It would also be good to suggest practical ways on how to go about the recommendations for the study to become relevant and contribute to the wellbeing of the participants. For example, HIV care centers provide health talks on varying topics, including nutrition and dietary practices. So, why are the dietary practices still poor? Could it be due to poverty that these persons are unable to meet the requirements? How can the government, especially targeted ministries like the Ministry of Agriculture, come in to support? Is there a way how the HIV care centers can be supported to create more room for improvement? Etc.

## General Comment:

Overall, this is a relevant study as it provides insights into the increasing NDCs among PLHIV. This could be a stepping stone to finding culturally relevant ways to support and improve the well-being of PLHIV.