

Peer Review

Review of: "Are Tobacco Companies in Nigeria Complying With Health Warning Label Regulations on Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products?"

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1. The 6th paragraph of the Introduction seems to have a repetition of the prescription by the NTCR 2019 to increase the coverage of PHWLs to 60% on the front and back of tobacco packages from June 2024.
2. Yes, it is a descriptive study, but more specifically, a cross-sectional study.
3. The last three sentences of the 1st paragraph under Methods appear verbose. Consider rephrasing as follows: "Nigeria has thirty-six states (apart from the federal capital territory). Each state is divided into administrative, political, and geographic units called local government areas (LGAs). Lagos State (in the Southwest geopolitical zone), with a population of over 20 million people, is the commercial nerve center and a melting pot of Nigeria's diverse cultures and backgrounds. Studies conducted in it are likely to be more representative of the general Nigerian population than those done in other regions of the country, hence its selection." **It may be more appropriate to give references for some of these points.**
4. In the abstract, you stated that four LGAs were used, but you listed five in the Methods section of the main work. Which was it? Also, as with the abstract, make it clear in the Methods (if that was the case) that four LGAs were selected in the first stage, then two wards from each LGA in the second stage, and three points of sale from each ward in the third stage. **It may be more appropriate to give references for the descriptive data on the LGAs you provided.**
5. Please cross-check the appropriateness of applying the word 'calibrated' to persons. It appears to be used only for instruments. If so, please delete it from the places it appears to the contrary.

6. The 1st paragraph of the discussion should go to the Introduction if those points have not already been made.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.