

Review of: "Substance use disorder and associated factors at an opioid de-addiction clinic in Western Kenya"

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This manuscript seeks to identify factors associated with SUD in JOOTRH. The authors gathered information from subjects using questionnaires between Nov. 2018 and May 2019. Overall, the data provide important information based on their patient population. Below are comments for the authors to consider that may strengthen their work:

1. Methods, Section 2.3, include why the The WHO model core questionnaire was deemed insufficient despite its use throughout Africa, including Kenya.
2. Include a description of the clinic-based interventions provided to the subjects at JOOTRH (Table 3) as the citation provided in the Methods section may not be accessible to all.
3. Although the authors seek to identify factors linked to SUD in JOOTRH and include tables associated with this, the manuscript lacks focus. There appears to be multiple topics (i.e., success of JOOTRH treatment, factors affecting SUD entry, factors to seek treatment, and the information listed in Table 6) that are worthy of their own manuscript. I would encourage the authors to consider focusing on just one topic and expanding upon it as there appears to be a lot of useful information within each of these subtopics that may inform health care providers across the world who are trying to provide treatment/support for SUD patients.
4. Consider refining your descriptors of SUD patients as many of the descriptors used throughout this manuscript may be deemed insensitive (e.g., "addict") (<https://nida.nih.gov/nidamed-medical-health-professionals/health-professions-education/words-matter-terms-to-use-avoid-when-talking-about-addiction>).