

# Review of: "Factors Associated with Outcomes of Status Disclosure among Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) Attendees in Public Health Facilities of Mekelle City, Tigray, Ethiopia"

M.P. Lowane<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU)

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

**Abstract** - after reworking your document, revisit this section.

## Introduction

- Paragraph 1: Review the paragraph. There is overlapping information, which affects the statistics reported.

*The prevalence of HIV in Ethiopia in adults aged 15-49 years in 2017 was 0.9% (0.7% in males and 1.2% in females*

- What about other age group?
- Statistics highlighted in yellow =1.9%. Clarify

*However, there is a gap in knowledge on the outcomes of disclosure of HIV-positive status and the factors that are associated with it in the Tigray region in general and Mekelle city in particular. This paper aims to assess factors associated with outcomes of disclosure among ART attendees who disclosed their status in public health facilities of Mekelle City, Tigray, Northern Ethiopia.*

- Rephrase this paragraph. Overlapping/ repeated information

## Methodology

### Source Population

*All HIV-positive clients who were registered and receiving clinical services at the ART clinic in public health facilities of Mekelle city.*

### Study population

*HIV-positive individuals who had disclosed their HIV status to somebody else. Participants were approached during their routine follow-up medical visits in their respective health facilities.*

### Inclusion criteria

*All HIV-positive clients on ART who had disclosed their status and contacted health facilities for care and treatment*

*followed [1] during the study period. Clients were 15 years old and above and aware of their HIV-positive status for at least six months.*

- The study population sounds like inclusion criteria. Reduce repetition of information. Suggest after source population, inclusion criteria should follow.

### **Results (revisit this section)**

- Narratives in Socio-demographic Characteristics of Participants do not correspond with Table 1.
- *Partnership Characteristics of Participants ....., as shown in Table 2* No Table 2
- Table 4 does not correlate with the narrative under the "The Outcome of Disclosure of HIV-Positive Status" section.
- Figure 2: what is other?
- Table 5: will make sense if the column of P- value is added.

### **Discussion**

- The first two paragraphs in the section are a repetition of the results. Rework.

### **Conclusion**

- Does not cover everything (superficial)

### **References**

- I cannot comment, not sure what the " alphabet and ^" implies.

### **Other comment**

- What is new about this study?
- Add the implication and recommendations of your study findings.

Good study, need to be revised.