

Review of: "“Healing is having faith in Allah, the healer, and the medicine”: An exploratory qualitative study of Islamic-based healing practices in Northern Ghana"

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This is an interesting study on Islamic healing practices in Northern Ghana and contributes to the knowledge of cultural relativism in respect to healing and treatment in different cultures.

I have some questions in the following areas:

Data collection:

Could 6 healers be adequate to provide rich information about the healing practices in the community? You studied a particular community. Is the Dagomba community predominantly Muslim? If not, the topic could be tweaked to reflect the healing practices of the community rather than Islamic healing practices, assuming other religions exist in that same community.

Who quality checked the translation of the transcripts? Could the quality be checked by another native speaker who also understands the English language?

Participant observation

To what extent did the researcher participate in the healing practices during the study? Did you carry out just an observation of the healing practices performed by the Islamic healers or participate in the healing process? I think there is a difference between carrying out an observation of the healing practices and participating in the health practices in participant observation. This should be explained more clearly.

Data analysis

Could you describe the coding system used and how the coding process was carried out? How did you manage codes that did not fit into a given theme? How did you deal with the homogeneity and heterogeneity of data?