

# Review of: "Prevalence and Factors Associated With Selected Non-communicable Diseases (Hypertension, Type 2 Diabetes, and Depression) Among People Living With HIV at Kalisizo Hospital in Kyotera District, Uganda: A Cross-Sectional Study"

#### Robert Kokou Dowou<sup>1</sup>

1 University of Health and Allied Sciences

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

#### Title:

The title of this paper seems a bit too long, and I suggest the authors find a way to carve the topic more precisely and succinctly.

#### Introduction

- The statement made by the author in line 5 of the first paragraph, "There has been successful control of viremia and HIV-induced acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) through ART. NCDs are now the leading cause of morbidity and mortality among PLHIV," is very ambiguous and can be misleading. They should restructure this to give the paragraph context and give the readers of their work a better perspective.
- I suggest the authors provide the HIV situation in Uganda as well as NCDs.

### Methods:

- What were the inclusion and exclusion criteria for this study? Was the CD4 T-cell count of the PLHIV taken into consideration?
- What is the age bracket of PLHIV considered for this study?
- I am impressed with the description of your methodology but a little bit set aback by the ethics section of it. This study has a lot of ethical issues to be considered, but little description is provided. I suggest the author provide a detailed ethical consideration taken to ensure the privacy and confidentiality of the participants, and how voluntary (autonomous) participation in this study was ensured, taking into consideration that this study is being carried out within a health facility. Have there been any compensation for participation in this study? What are some risk and benefit measures taken?

## Discussion

The authors need to provide further explanation of their findings and the public health implications of their findings. This



could strengthen the current discussion.