

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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The study is good and appreciated, my suggestions for quality improvement are mentioned below.

1. The methodology section could benefit from more detail, especially regarding the selection criteria for participants and the specific methods of data analysis. Clarifying these aspects can enhance the replicability and credibility of the study.
2. While the introduction provides context, the literature review could be expanded to more comprehensively cover existing research on Islamic-based healing, particularly how it compares or contrasts with other healing traditions in Ghana.
3. The discussion section could be strengthened by more explicitly linking the findings to the existing literature and theoretical frameworks. This would provide a deeper understanding of how this study contributes to the broader field of knowledge.
4. The paper touches on gendered medical practices and beliefs. A more in-depth exploration of how gender influences healing practices and patient experiences could enrich the analysis.
5. More detailed acknowledgment and discussion of the study's limitations, including the potential for bias and the generalizability of the findings, would provide a more balanced view.
6. Ensuring cultural sensitivity in interpreting the findings and discussing the implications is crucial, especially given the study's focus on traditional and faith-based healing practices.
7. The conclusion could offer more explicit suggestions for future research, including potential areas of study that could build upon the findings of this research.

Decision: Accept.