

Review of: "Perceptions and Experiences of Human Right Violations of People Living with Mental Illness: A multi-centre descriptive cross-sectional study in Nigeria"

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I thank Dr. Alberto Bedogni for the invitation to review this manuscript and the authors for their interesting work.

This is a good manuscript, well-written, about a very relevant topic: patients' experiences and perceptions of human rights violations.

However, I suggest some aspects that the authors may consider addressing:

1. The "four selected Nigerian neuropsychiatric institutions" include a "Psychiatric units (sic) of a General Hospital in a northcentral State" and "a Psychiatric unit of a Federal Teaching Hospital". I suggest replacing "neuropsychiatric institutions" with "psychiatric institutions and psychiatric units".
2. The section named "Patients' Perception of Human Right Violations", which includes Table 4, may still need some work. It is not really clear if patients' perceptions are about "human rights" or about "human rights violations". Is it about the rights that patients in Nigeria consider important to be respected? Or about what they perceive as being violated? I'm not sure if I would take it to mean the same to "perceive specific violations of human rights of PLWMI" and to "perceive specific human rights aspects that PWLMI would expect to be respected". A clearer formulation may help readers understand this. In addition, Table 4 needs several amendments: a) The title, as the header of the section, is a little bit confusing for me. Wouldn't it be better to name it as "Perceptions of human rights aspects to be respected when working/interacting with people living with mental illness"? Some items are more clearly about violations (e.g., "**I need to endure whatever is given or done to me so that I can get better.**"), while most others read more like important human rights to be respected (e.g., "**My opinion matters in the course of treatment**"); b) The header of the Strongly Agree column has an "A" instead of "SA"; c) The item "**People with mental illnesses should not be left to wander in the streets when ill**" may be confusing... Does this mean that people with mental illness should always be locked down? (That would be a severe human rights violation...). A clarification may be needed here.
3. I would have expected Table 5 to tap on the same aspects considered by PLWMI in Table 4. Maybe the authors want to consider mentioning the difference between the two tables.
4. The authors may consider explaining why they did not use the WHO Quality Rights toolkit.

I hope these comments may help the authors polish this interesting manuscript.

