

Review of: "How Competent are Health Professionals in Delivering Nutrition Education? A Cross-Sectional Study in Ebonyi State, Nigeria"

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Dear authors I would like to say thank you for coming with such interesting title. In health delivery system, this is the most neglected component of care due different reasons. Therefore, I appreciated the title and forwarded the following comments.

Abstract

1. Background: this part lacks the gap, why the study is needed. So, add the problem to it.
2. Result: try to write the result in a single paragraph rather than splitting it into two.
3. Conclusion: In conclusion, you have to focus on your objectives. First, conclude about the competency. Then about the factors. You have no objective to study the knowledge so do not conclude for the knowledge variable since the objective did not included this part.

Introduction

1. Paragraph 1, citation 1, why you cited this citation twice consecutively? Cite it one at the end of the second citation.
2. The background is expected to include different components, definitions, purposes, types, impacts, problems, and summary of gaps identified. But, in your manuscript I could not found the problems. So, try to incorporate the problem in the manuscript and then at the end of the introduction add one paragraph as a summary of your study's gap.

Methodology

1. Sample size calculation: why don't you used design effect since you passed through three stages?
2. Sampling technique: in this section, what was your k?, which respondent was the first enrolled for interview? In your sampling, there are different professionals how you allocated for each professionals and what about sex composition? In selecting the respondents in each professionals, what type of sampling method was used; simple random sampling or systematic random sampling or other methods.
3. Study instrument and data collection: mention the health facility in which you conducted pretest. The manuscript lacks method of data collection, is that observational, interviewer administered, self-administered? Because your limitation of study shows that as the study was conducted among patients rather than health professionals.

Result

1. Table 1: table caption and the table must be on the same page.
2. The sample in the table is not similar with your sample size. Your sample size was 421, but here you presented the result of only 419, what about the two respondents.
3. Regression table: one column has title, is that COR or AOR?

Dissuasion

1. Revise limitation of study