

# Review of: "Corruption in the medical field: Facts from Nigeria"

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Thank you for the invitation to review this manuscript. The question being addressed here is quite timely and relevant. However, I have a few things I would love the authors to clarify:

1. I see that reference to 1960 has been removed from the title; this reference, however, still persists in the body of the manuscript while stating the aims of the study. The problem with this is that the methodology does not appear to address the timeline of corruption since 1960. It would be nice to explore mass media portrayal of corruption in the medical field since 1960. An analysis of data available at <https://archivi.ng/> might be a good way to start. The website is a repository of digitised Nigerian newspapers since 1960. I would suggest you consider this as a follow-up to your work in order to better address your initial objectives. Doing this could also provide a picture of how the subject matter has evolved over the years.
2. I was wondering if you could provide a link to the online calculator used in calculating the sample size. Also, was quota sampling used to decide the sample size per state/geopolitical zone? How did you address the potential problem of uneven distribution of medical students, practitioners, and media personnel by state/geopolitical zones?
3. Was there any observed association between the ages of study participants and the expressed opinions and/or perceptions about medical corruption? I was wondering if years of experience or number of years within the system could have had any effect on the participants' perceptions of corruption within the system or even hope for any remedy at all.