

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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This is an interesting and well-written paper that begins to address a significant gap in the literature. The authors have approached their interview data with sensitivity and insight, reporting persuasively on the complex of factors that influence the use, development and delivery of healing practices by Islamic healers in northern Ghana. The authors clearly have a rich knowledge of the broad context in which these practices take place, and the references to Pentecostal Christianity, Traditional Medicine and the government-sponsored medical services are very useful in painting a picture of the broad health ecology of the region.

The authors chose Braun and Clarke's six-stage method of thematic analysis, which is adequate for the task but rather generic. I suggest that for a future study they may consider Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (see e.g. Smith, Flowers and Larkin (2021) *Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis: Theory, Method and Research*) which is designed for use with extended transcripts from a small number of participants, and focusses on the way that they are *interpreting* the situation to themselves and to their interviewer. It therefore draws out some of the points you are interested in, such as how different healers 'read' the situation in different ways, and how they understand their role in relation to other healing treatments.