

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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GENERAL COMMENT

Authors did a cross-sectional study to examine the perception and experiences of human rights violations of PLWMI in Nigeria. The manuscript was generally well-written. The relevance of the study is not in doubt. The background was well laid, but authors did not substantially justify the need for the study. The analyses were quite helpful but can be more robust. To enrich the paper, authors may want to address these concerns:

INTRODUCTION

Background

Authors' note: Very few people in Nigeria believe that biological factors or brain diseases are the underlying causes of the development of these disorders.

Comment/Query: Would authors provide a reference for this statement?

Justification

Comment/Query: Authors should provide sufficient justification for the study. Any similar study done previously? In Nigeria or abroad? What are the gaps in the literature that stimulated authors' interest in the topic?

Objectives

Comment/Query: Would authors revise their objectives to be more specific and measurable?

Research questions

Comment/Query: Would authors raise a few research questions to probe the topic?

Hypothesis

Comment/Query: Authors may want to relocate the hypotheses here

METHODOLOGY

Study setting

Comment/Query: Since inpatients and outpatients were studied, authors should also state the estimated number of outpatient consultations in the four facilities.

Study Population

Authors' note: There were about 470 patients accessing services at the four hospitals.

Comment/Query: The '470' stated here refers to the estimated number of inpatients. Any figures for outpatients? And what is the estimated number of patients admitted to facility B at any given time?

Sampling technique

Comment/Query: How did authors select the four institutions? How many mental health institutions are there in Nigeria? Did authors choose the four institutions out of convenience? If yes, what informed their choice?

Authors' note: the first patient was selected until the desired sample size was achieved for Facility A and Facility D, as both facilities had enough patients. For centres with fewer patients, Facility B and Facility C,

Comment/Query: Facility C has more admissions than facility D at any given time; facility C has 40 admissions compared to 15 for facility D. Authors may want to clarify their statements.

Table 1

Comment/Query: '300' for facility A. Is this an error?

Data analysis

i. Authors' note: For mean calculation,

Comment/Query: mean calculation of what?

ii. Comment/Query: Besides Chi-square, logistic regression may be a useful inferential analytic tool for this study

Sample size estimation

Authors' note: N = the total population

Comment/Query: Would authors specify what N represents?

RESULTS

Table 4

Comment/Query: 3rd column should carry 'SA' rather than 'A'

Table 5

Authors' note:as a result of my patient's condition (9th and 10th variables)

Comment/Query: Is there an error here?

DISCUSSION***Strength and limitation***

Comment/Query: Would authors highlight the strengths and limitations of their study?

ABSTRACT

Authors' note: The Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) version 25.0 was used for data analysis.

Comment/Query: This is not necessary here.

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Comment/Query: Would authors appreciate the participants as well?