

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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The introduction and methods sections suggest that the authors are aware of the existing literature and have identified a gap in knowledge regarding Islamic-based healing in Dagbon. The authors justify the need for the study by stating that less is known about Islamic-based healing in Dagbon, which implies that they have engaged with the literature to some extent.

The references cited in the text indicate that the authors have consulted various sources, including studies on Islamic healing practices, medical pluralism, and the influence of jinn in Islamic cosmology and religiosity. This suggests that the authors have attempted to incorporate a range of perspectives into their study.

The findings appear to be expressed clearly. The authors present and interpret themes as the main findings of their study, including the healers' medical philosophies, ritual practices, and medical therapy. The presentation of the findings seems to be adequate and consistent with the research design and methods described earlier in the manuscript.

The discussions in the manuscript appear to be meaningful and valid, as they are based on the findings that emerge from the data collected through in-depth interviews and ethnographic observations with Islamic-based healers. The authors interpret themes such as the healers' medical philosophies, ritual practices, and medical therapy, which are directly related to the research questions and objectives of the study. The authors' use of narrative and thematic analytic approaches to identify salient themes and patterns in the data adds to the validity of their discussions. The iterative process of data collection and analysis, along with critical reflexivity, suggests that the authors have engaged in a rigorous qualitative research process.

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In summary, the discussions in the manuscript are meaningful and valid, as they are grounded in the study's findings and are reasonably linked to other studies on the topic, thereby contributing to the existing body of knowledge.

In conclusion, the conclusions and generalizations in the manuscript are based on the findings, and the limitations of the

study are clearly stated, along with suggestions for future research.