

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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The present paper elucidates human rights violations among individuals with mental illness within four mental health facilities in Nigeria. While the manuscript addresses a compelling topic with potential guidance for mental health services organizations, some minor revisions are necessary for publication.

Abstract:

Provide a clear elucidation of the study's objectives and explicitly outline the data and tools employed for patient assessments.

Manuscript:

Background:

Prefer the terms 'mental disorders' or 'mental illness' over other expressions.

Reference the INDIGO project by Thornicroft at <https://www.indigo-group.org/discrimination/>. Verify its development in Nigeria.

Clarify the gap in the literature regarding this topic in Nigeria.

Methods:

Avoid the use of '!' in academic papers.

Specify whether the human rights instrument used was created ad hoc (who and how) or was an already validated tool.

Confirm familiarity with the DISC of the INDIGO project.

Include ethics approval numbers.

Propose consolidating the Likert 4-point scale and its score interpretations.

Results:

Number the paragraph titled 'Patients' Perception of Human Right Violations.'

Consider presenting hypotheses separately from results; reserve the discussion paragraph for elaborating on hypotheses.

Discussion:

Explicitly define the acronym PLWMI the first time it is used.

Tables:

For Table 3, include a note clarifying that percentages may not add up to 100% and explain any missing values.

In Table 4, correct the first occurrence of 'A' to 'SA.'

Choose one version for 'S/N' or 'SN' in both Tables 4 and 5.

References:

Enrich the text with additional and up-to-date citations.