

Peer Review

# Review of: "Music Therapy for Alleviating Pain and Enhancing Quality of Life During Endodontic Treatment in Lagos, Nigeria"

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This paper is important to be shared in improving the patient experience for endodontic treatment. I have a few clarifications to request regarding this paper.

1. Please describe the choice behind slow, jazz music for this study. The paper cites the effect of classical music but makes no linkage as to why jazz was chosen instead of classical music. I am assuming this is because jazz is preferred in the region. If so, please cite music sources utilizing preferred music instead of classical music. (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34467386/>; <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31652195/>; etc.).
2. Internationally, music therapy is recognized as a profession of board-certified music therapists (<https://www.musictherapy.org/>). Music therapy is a protected term in some countries as there is a license associated with music therapy work. Music therapy is the clinical use of music for patient benefit through the creation of music within a therapeutic relationship. Music medicine is the utilization of pre-recorded music for patient benefit in medical settings without a therapist. While Nigeria does not have a music therapy license, it would be responsible to be aware of this and utilize the correct terminology for consistency in language when researching music-based interventions. I recommend utilizing the term music medicine for consistency in research with other countries. Please read the article here for further differentiations: [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/51458656\\_Music\\_Therapy\\_or\\_Music\\_Medicine#:~:text=Music%20medicine%20\(MM\)%20does%20not](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/51458656_Music_Therapy_or_Music_Medicine#:~:text=Music%20medicine%20(MM)%20does%20not),

Thank you for the opportunity to review your important work! I hope your team continues to study ways to improve the patient care experience during endodontic treatment!

## Declarations

**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.