

Review of: "Pain Assessment and Management in Children at Lusaka Children's Hospital: Nurses' Experiences - A Qualitative Study"

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Dear Editor and authors, I am so glad to be invited to review this article, it is a pleasure. I hope to contribute with this manuscript.

I will leave my consideration in stages:

Title: It is not necessary to write in the title: "a qualitative study". In my opinion, "Pain Assessment and Management in Children at Lusaka Children's Hospital: Nurses' Experiences" is enough. The sentence "nurses' experience" already brings the idea of qualitative research.

Abstract: It is good, it is not necessary to improve.

Introduction: This section needs to be improved, bringing more evidence in the literature.

- "Children often experience pain" → why? when they experience pain? In which situation?: It is necessary greater foundation in the academic literature.

- "Nurses play a vital role in pain assessment and management" → Why? What do they do on a daily routine?

- "However, pediatric pain management remains under-addressed and under-prioritized in low-resource settings like Lusaka Children's Hospital." → Are there any research about this information? If yes, it is important to describe.

Methods: It is important to explain all about the methods. The questionnaire used was created for whom? Based on what? When and where was the collecting data? How the participants was contacted? Some professional refused to participate? Who conducted the interview? This person received any kind of training? How were participants selected? (purposive, convenience, consecutive, snowball). Did the research use audio or visual recording to collect the data? Which method the data analyses was based on?

For the methods, is important to follow some checklist, my suggestion é the Consolidated criteria for Reporting Qualitative research Checklist - COREQ.

Results: It would be more interesting if you have brought some speeches to make this section more robust.

Discussion: This section is quite shallow, you could bring some connection with the results and better practices, proposing possibilities about how this study can contribute with the nurse interventions. In addition, it is important to bring the study limitations.

Conclusion: it is ok, no suggestions.

This study is very important and brings some contributions for the academic literature, but is necessary a greater deepening and methodologic rigor.

Thank you.