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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Dear editor:

Thank you for inviting me to review this manuscript.

*General comments: needs language & grammatical editing, statistical consultation & plagiarism check.

*Introduction: Delete the last 2 lines on page 2 (mentioned later at the end of the introduction). Add study rationale.

*Methods:

-Research settings: What are residents (Drs, inhabitants, or patients attending hospitals)?

It is better to mention bed capacity & the registered number of inpatients & outpatients.

-Study population: What is the operational definition of a relatively sound mind?

Why this mix between different types of sampling methods (convenience, proportional, & consecutive)? Sample size: What is the margin of error used? The calculated sample size should be multiplied by a design effect of 4.

-The fatal problem is the lack of detail about the development, validity, reliability, & statistical base for the cut-off points for the scales used in the study.

*Results:

Table 2: Marginal categories of variables with small frequencies. Is income monthly or annual? Add a footnote of USD equivalence

All research hypotheses should be mentioned a priori (not after data collection & analysis). Add them after the objectives. At the end of the discussion, authors should discuss the acceptance or rejection of these hypotheses. Also, hypotheses are used for comparative studies (with terms of less than, more than, or equal), not for a descriptive study.

Table 5: delete the column of no

-Tables 6 & 7: add COR (95%CI) with clear reference categories. Then run logistic regression to find out the independent

predictors of each outcome.

*Discussion: What is PLWMI?

Failed to interpret the results.

Recommendations should be finding-based.

Decision: major revision.