

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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First of all, thank the authors for their effort and work. The study addresses a topic that is personally unknown to me, so I am going to provide mainly structural recommendations and details of the methodology followed.

- The summary would be missing keywords that would provide us with information on how the search was carried out.
- Unify the wording of the objectives.
- I believe it is unnecessary to give continuous explanations of how the study is going to be presented in the article. Obviously, a descriptive exploratory qualitative study has an established organization.
- Regarding the development of the described methodology, I would recommend providing data on the duration of the interviews, their complete script, and, regarding the analysis, explaining it more completely.
- In the results, a table with data from the participants would be appreciated, introducing some quantitative analysis of sociodemographic data in terms of age, sex, the time they have been practicing the art of healing, or the population number of people they treat. It would undoubtedly add value to the results.
- Regarding the qualitative descriptive analysis, a table would provide information for better understanding of where the dimensions and categories identified will be indicated.
- The main difficulty I find is the small size of the key informants, something the authors refer to as limitations. At the same time, I believe that it would provide more information to the study to have used another methodology such as a discussion group or focus group in a complementary manner, although, taking into account again the few participants, I understand that it has not been possible.
- Finally, I recommend organizing the text.

Congratulations again to the authors for addressing this topic.

Exploring how traditional healing practices, often rooted in cultural and religious beliefs, play a role in health is essential to understanding the diversity of approaches to well-being. These studies not only contribute to academic knowledge but also promote a deeper respect and understanding of diverse perspectives on health and healing.