

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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Expanding the evidence about the human rights of people with mental illness is very important, given that it is part of international agreements and standards, and to have evidence about this issue in different contexts is relevant as well.

Some suggestions and questions for the authors:

1- It will be of interest to international audiences to understand better how the mental health care system is organized in Nigeria. This will also help to understand how the sites where the questionnaires were done are located within the networks of mental health care.

2- Despite the difference in sample size between the four facilities, something that I wonder about is the differences between patients from psychiatric hospitals and patients from general hospitals, given that the literature suggests that general hospitals are less likely to present human rights violations compared with psychiatric hospitals. So, the suggestion is to think about the differences in responses between the two types of facilities (maybe there are also sociodemographic and diagnosis differences between them).

3- It will be important to explain more deeply the rationality of the instrument: why were those specific aspects/items included? based on which human rights standards? why was not a standardized instrument used (a WHO instrument, for example)? why are different the aspects/items assessed for the perceptions and for the experiences?