

# Review of: "Prevalence and Factors Associated With Non-communicable Diseases Among People Living With HIV at Kalisizo Hospital in Kyotera District, Uganda: A Cross-Sectional Study"

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Comments to Authors,

Dear authors, your research work is well organized and the findings are interesting. I believe that your findings will help to update clinical care guidelines for people living with HIV/AIDS. However, I have some comments you may consider to make your manuscript more sound.

1. Why did you set the age of study participants at greater than or equal to 35 years? Do you have justification for that?
2. How did you collect diet records from study participants to classify them as having a healthy diet or an unhealthy diet?
3. In your study, T2DM is described as the least prevalent NCD in PLHIV! What is the importance of comparing T2DM with HT and depression? Though you described T2DM as the least prevalent NCD, 8.3% prevalence is large as far as diabetes is concerned. Thus, for me, it seems good to state the prevalence of T2DM without comparing it with the prevalence of other NCDs studied.
4. There are some typographic errors you should revise in the final document. For example, BMI  $\geq$  30 should be written as a BMI of 30 or above. In the conclusion, part: WHO clinical stages 3 and 4 should be written as WHO clinical stages 3 and 4 of HIV.

Finally, I strongly recommend this manuscript to be accepted for publication with minor revisions.