

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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I found your article very interesting, as I think that the comorbidities and the aging of PLHIV are the major issues in HIV care and management. Here are some suggestions:

1. The introduction is very interesting, but it contains lots of considerations that are more appropriate to the discussion. Please tailor the introduction to the basic information about NCD and a very basic referment to the Ugandan context, and keep all the other considerations about specific groups or NCD and comparisons with other countries in the Discussion;
2. Please provide further comment on the exclusion of PLHIV younger than 35. The HIV infection creates a general state of inflammation, thus the assessment of risk ratios among the young population should be a matter of concern. If your research team decides not to focus on it, some more justifications should be provided;
3. The diagnosis of HT and DM2T performed in a one-step visit could overestimate the prevalence of these conditions. The most common guidelines generally indicate at least two evaluations before defining the diagnosis. That, provide some comments, indicate specific guidelines, or declare it as a possible bias;
4. NCD development is somehow influenced by the different ART schemes. As you do not mention any of this information, please make a comment about it and indicate it as a possible limitation;
5. Why did you mention a standard deviation or range for the prevalence?

I firmly state that these comments aim to advise the researcher to improve a paper whose quality is already notable. No offensive intentions are meant.

I wish the team the best,

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