

Review of: "Prevalence and Factors Associated With Selected Non-communicable Diseases (Hypertension, Type 2 Diabetes, and Depression) Among People Living With HIV at Kalisizo Hospital in Kyotera District, Uganda: A Cross-Sectional Study"

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Since the authors have used the long term "non-communicable diseases" and its abbreviation (NCDs), the abbreviation should be maintained in the subsequent use. There is no need to write it in full again.

The WHO steps instrument for the surveillance of chronic diseases recommends the cutoff age to be 25 years and above. HIV affects mostly the population group ranging from 15 years and above.

Since their study population was people living with HIV, the authors need to justify why they decided to consider 35 years as the cutoff age, as this risks leaving out a group younger than 35 but with HIV and possibly the NCDs as well.