

Review of: "How Competent are Health Professionals in Delivering Nutrition Education? A Cross-Sectional Study in Ebonyi State, Nigeria"

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- 1. It was stated that 1 hospital in each of 3 different regions of the country was included in the study. It has also been reported that multistage sampling method was used to determine these hospitals. In this stratification process, why was it not used even though it was reported that approximately 65% of the country was from public hospitals and 35% was from private hospitals? Considering that the hospitals selected for sampling are public hospitals, it is thought that this may affect the study results. Therefore, this situation can be added to limitations in this case.
- 2. How is competency defined in the survey form after the knowledge, perception and practice sections? How was the conclusion "180 people have sufficient competency" shown in Table 5 reached? Apart from the definition of competency in the introduction section, this should be added to the material method section.
- 3. "The data from the health facility-based study may not be representative of the locality, as individuals with diet-related chronic diseases who did not visit those facilities were excluded." Aren't the individuals in this sentence in the limitations section health professionals? Why were these health professionals excluded from the study?
- 4. After all this, it can be accepted after making the corrections suggested in the study.