

Review of: "Outpatient Consultation of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases Patients in Abuja Public Hospitals Based on Selected Indicators"

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The study addresses care for patients with chronic conditions, which are becoming more prevalent in the Nigerian adult population. The study's use of survey data is a strength, and the sampling process is described well. Here are suggestions that I think will strengthen the paper. The issue of patients' experience with the healthcare system in Nigeria has been assessed quite well in the literature. Given the similar care practices in the country, one would expect that this study's results will be similar, as shown in the discussion.

Background: The authors should emphasize the new knowledge added or gaps in the literature this study fills.

Methods: Describe the survey instruments and data collection process. How were the key indicators measured? For example, the total time (hours) spent in the hospital was obtained as described in the methods, but a percentage was reported. Are the questions Yes/No? What were the response rates at each hospital? A report on patients surveyed at each hospital will help. The wait times at each hospital will also inform on potential structural factors contributing to poor patient experience.

The logistic regression predicts good consultation. Further clarify how good consultation was defined. ("Attending consultation at least four times a year, having no problems in accessing trained healthcare personnel, and no consultation challenge was used to describe outpatient consultation as good.") Was good consultation having either of the criteria listed or did they must have all?

Were all patients diabetes and cardiovascular patients? Do they have data that determines the clinical conditions of the patients? Patients who need lab work will stay longer in the clinic than those without. Were the appointments scheduled or walk-ins?

More details about the methods, measurements, and analysis are needed.