

Review of: "Assessment of Outpatient Management of Diabetes and Cardiovascular Diseases in Abuja Public Hospitals"

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Dear authors:

In this study, a general evaluation of managing patients with cardiovascular diseases and diabetes was conducted in outpatient clinics of public hospitals in Abuja. The results of such studies can be valuable for improving health systems. *Some issues need to be addressed before it can be published. I would recommend the following comments.*

Method:

The time spent in the hospital on appointment days needs to be explained in more detail. Is it the waiting time for a visit or the total time including waiting for a visit and time to receive medicine?

The definition of outpatient management experience is too broad. It should be scaled with more details.

In this study, it is not specified that the visits of patients were done by a specialist or subspecialist. In addition, management experiences and other study objectives are not identified for patients with diabetes and cardiovascular (CV) diseases separately.

Results:

Management experiences

This sentence "The analysis showed that less than one tenth of the patients (n=27, 3.4%) had up to four times consultation within one year, reported having no problem with accessing health professionals, and had no treatment challenge." should be changed to "Analysis showed that less than one-tenth of patients (n=27, 3.4%) had all three criteria, including up to four consultations in a year, no problems accessing health professionals, and no treatment challenges."

Table 1 and Table 4

OND/NCE should be expanded under the tables. For example, Ordinary National Diploma (OND)