

REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR-58729

Title: Disease Patterns Identified Through Community Health Outreach Programmes and Their Implications for Health Financing in Abuja, Nigeria

Recommendation:

- Accept as it is
 ✓ Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity		✓		
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr S. K. Nath

Detailed Reviewer's Report

Strength of the study:

1. The study addresses an important public health issue.
2. The sample size of 984 participants is reasonably large.
3. Multiple community locations were included in Abuja.
4. Both communicable and noncommunicable conditions were screened.
5. Screening procedures are described clearly.
6. Results are presented with useful frequencies and percentages.
7. Findings have practical relevance for preventive healthcare, referral and health education.

Weakness of the study:

1. Formal ethical approval and informed consent details are not provided.
2. Sampling was voluntary and not probability based.
3. Health financing was discussed without directly measuring financing outcomes.
4. The study cannot establish disease prevalence in the wider Abuja population.
5. Several grammar and spelling errors are present.
6. Some explanations are speculative and need stronger evidence.
7. Important demographic and clinical variables are missing.

Reviewers Comments:

The manuscript addresses a relevant public health topic and presents screening findings from three community outreach programmes involving 984 participants. The inclusion of malaria, elevated random blood glucose, hepatitis B and HIV screening gives the study practical value. However, the ethical section is a major concern. The manuscript itself states that sufficient information is not available to establish formal ethical approval, informed consent or institutional review details, and these must be clarified before publication. The voluntary outreach sample also limits generalizability. More importantly, the title and discussion focus on health financing, but financing was not directly measured, so several conclusions are based on interpretation rather than study data. The manuscript contains frequent grammar, spelling, formatting and sentence construction errors, affecting readability and professional presentation. The authors should also avoid calling screening findings prevalence where appropriate and strengthen the limitations section. Overall, the study has useful field data but requires substantial methodological and editorial revision before publication.

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Previously Published anywhere/Plagiarism check:

The manuscript appears to present original outreach data from three Police HMO locations in Abuja, but previous publication cannot be established from the manuscript alone. No clear statement of prior publication or duplicate submission is provided. A formal plagiarism and similarity check should be completed by the journal. References and cited sources should also be verified for accuracy and consistency before publication.