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Journal Name:	Journal of Advances in Medicine and Medical Research
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JAMMR_36667
Title of the Manuscript:	'We don't want to be noticed collecting Drugs': the Effects of Stigma and Discrimination on Adherence to Medication amongst People Living with HIV in Tiv Land, North Central Nigeria
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p>	<p>The title of the study is of great interest in HIV /AIDs research but the authors did not do justice to the study.</p> <p>They claimed to have carried out both quantitative and qualitative studies but the quantitative aspect did not address the effect of stigma and discrimination on adherence medication.</p> <p>The study design and methodology is not right?</p> <p>No information on sample size determination?</p> <p>Inclusion and exclusion criteria?</p> <p>Study duration.</p> <p>Which body gave approval for the study?</p> <p>Did the authors work with a statistician?</p> <p>The authors did not do any analysis for the quantitative study. Only presented a table of demographic details of the respondents.</p> <p>I expected for the quantitative study an assessment of the adherence level using one of the measures of adherence.</p> <p>The authors DID NOT assess or calculate adherence!!!</p> <p>What is the level of adherence or non adherence?</p> <p>How many out of 1601 has suffered stigmatization and discrimination?</p> <p>What is the percentage and level of stigmatization?</p> <p>Adherence ought to have been calculated amongst the respondents and you test the association of stigmatization with adherence.</p> <p>Table 1 was poorly presented.</p> <p>The first column not labelled.</p> <p>The first column of the table should have been labelled characteristics. The characteristics are (age, relationship status etc).</p> <p>Label your characteristics with the units in bracket.</p> <p>Instead of adding yrs to each age range, just present it like this -Age (yrs).</p> <p>Instead of summing up and adding total of 1601 at the end of each characteristic, just indicate the value of the sample size as follows: Frequency (N=1601).</p> <p>Percentage is expressed as 100 anywhere so you don't need to repeat total of 100 at</p>	



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	<p>the end of each characteristics under percentage.</p> <p>If the authors do not have the expertise for a quantitative study why not just do a qualitative study?</p> <p><u>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</u> Yes. The authors did not indicate if they got approval for the study.</p>	
Minor REVISION comments	<p>There were spelling errors and wrong definitions of acronyms. E.g I guess you meant to say Gloves as against cloves in line 59 page 3.</p> <p>PLHW was interchanged with PHWL?</p>	
Optional/General comments	<p>Study design is poor.</p>	

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