Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence of Hypertension and Associated Cardiovascular Risk Factors in an Urban Slum in Nairobi, Kenya. A population-based survey

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An interesting article from a poor developing country that will contribute to knowledge in this area. However, it is also obvious the author is fairly inexperienced in writing manuscripts for publication.

However, it will require MAJOR COMPULSORY REVISIONS so that the objective/s are clearer as well as the definitions of various anthropometric measures, hypertension and its various stages and diabetes mellitus. The paragraphs require to be reordered so that the report 'flows' and the same subject under discussion is not all over the place eg definition of hypertension follows the blood pressure results etc.

Captions for several tables require to be more general rather than repeat all the measured parameters.

The data tables were excessive and the expression of confidence interval and p values require to be revised according to existing format not abbreviated.

My detailed comments will follow in 2-3 days as there are many areas requiring attention.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare I have no competing interest.