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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Minor Essential Revisions:

Abstract
1. Result: consider punctuations/spacings:
   Eg. Line 4: space missing ……. 59.3% had pre-hypertension. 80 %……
   Eg. Line 5: space missing ……. harmful alcohol drinkers; 10% were current smokers..

Background: consider punctuations and/spacing

Paragraph 1
   Line 2: space missing …. countries is rising rapidly. ise [1]. Half…….
   Line 3: space missing ……. attributable to non-communicable diseases [2]. By 2020 it…….

Paragraph 2
   Line 2: space missing …. countries [4]. Hypertension…….
   Line 3: full stop missing at the end ……. artery disease [5, 6]

Paragraph 3
   Line 2: spaces missing … more than 20 million people are affected [7]. In sub-Saharan……
   Line 3: correct the spacing and remove ‘in’ ……. and mortality in [6]. The reported…..
A recent study suggested that untreated hypertension is a etiological risk factor [8]. In Kenya, the prevalence of 6.4% [9].

In the capital city, the prevalence of 2.4% [11]. In the report on the prevalence...

Blood pressure

I recommend you to maintain consistency. For example, BP≤140/90 mmHg should be BP # 140/90 mmHg.

Multivariable Analysis

Advancing age (P = 0.001), higher BMI (p 0.001)

Please also have a meticulous line by line reading to consider similar consistency errors all over the manuscript.

Discussion

Paragraph 1:

an 80% screen detection rate 23].

Paragraph 3

Please write in the expanded form unless the acronym is mentioned...HTN

Paragraph 5:

Prehypertension should be written as pre-hypertension

References

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