Reviewer's report

Title: Malaria patients' satisfaction with life in the context of their trust in doctor/nurse and the level of acceptance of the disease: a quantitative study.

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abstract does not provide a conclusion that interprets the meaning of the findings. also the aim doesn't say why this is being done - the importance.

each paragraph of the introduction is a well written description of a certain concept. However, there is no framework to tie all this together and explain why this particular collection of concepts is of value in understanding malaria patients. Some elements in the discussion begin to draw these issues together, but such explanation is needed at the start so the reader known where the authors are going with their research.

Since perceived malaria is one of the most common experiences in the daily life of Nigerians for which many local language descriptions and local cultural medical responses exist, it is unclear how the concept of 'acceptance' of illness is brought to bear. One might expect to see the concept applied to conditions that attract stigma or long term suffering like leprosy and cancer, but the authors have not established its relevance to an acute, short term event like malaria. In the discussion the authors mention diabetes, which appears to be a much more relevant condition for this concept.

In the methods, are the authors saying their study was done in the Outpatient Department? The description of setting is not clear.

It would seem that different parts of the paper were written by different authors. The Introduction is easy to read, while the methods section sounds awkward with odd English usage and syntax.

More information is needed on the overall population of patients in a given time frame and the process by which a sample size was derived and the actual sample chosen.

It is rare and disconcerting that a research conducted in Nigeria does not include at least one Nigerian co-investigator as an author. It is not mentioned whether the instrument was pre-tested and vetted for cultural relevance. Involvement of a Nigerian co-researcher might have helped in this regard as experiences with scales among a population with varying levels of literacy and familiarity with research can be very challenging.

There is some unwelcome conjecture in the discussion where the authors have
no basis to make such claims as ... "Most probably these patients were perfectly aware that they would return to the doctor with the same problem again, given that no one will change their very poor living conditions."

The discussion presents thoughts on each variable, but just as there was no overarching conceptual framework developed in the introduction nor a clearly stated research question(s), there is no overarching analysis of how the results fit together into a clear framework

**Level of interest:** An article of limited interest

**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 that I have no competing interests