Reviewer's report

Title: The Effect of Knowledge on uptake of Breast Cancer Prevention Modalities among Women in Kyadondo County, Uganda.

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Utility of telephone based surveys to assess the burden of non-communicable disease: experience and challenges in a developing country

1. Abstract: Word count is 294: Adequate, but should be trimmed down to 250 words. There is a disconnection between these two statements of the abstract: Breast cancer, the third most frequent cancer of women is preventable through knowledge on breast self-examination. This is attributable to the HIV epidemic and low breast cancer literacy, mainly among patients as young as 18 years.

2. Background: Adequate. The first paragraph, i.e. Breast cancer is the third commonest cancer after cervical cancer and Kaposi sarcoma, needs more references for justification. The reference pattern in the statement may need revision; According to Semarya, breast cancer accounts for 16% of cancer deaths in adult women, and is regarded as a major life threat requiring prompt intervention [2]

The authors were able to emphasize on the growing statistics of breast cancer in Uganda, but they have not been able to address the likely scientific causes of this rise.


4. Results: Adequate.

5. Discussion: Adequate. Line 9 of page 8, (rs=.316, the decimal point should be addressed.
6. References: Adequate but should be validate prior to acceptance for publication. The reference journals should be spelt in full, not abbreviated and some of the punctuations are not consistent.

General comment: There observed wrong usage of punctuations in the body text; the authors should address this.

Final verdict: Should be accepted for publication pending attention to above comments by the authors.

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