Author’s response to reviews

Title: Prevalence And Modes Of Complementary And Alternative Medicine Use Among Peasant Farmers With Musculoskeletal Pain In A Rural Community In South-Western Nigeria

Authors:

Chidozie E Mbada (doziembada@yahoo.com)
Tijani L Adeyemi (lukmanadeyemi@yahoo.com)
Rufus A Adedoyin (radedoyi@yahoo.com)
Hakeem D Badmus (hbadmus@yahoo.com)
Taofeek O Awotidebe (tidebet@yahoo.com)
Olujide O Arije (olujide_arije@yahoo.com)
Olorunfemi S Omotosho (davfemsinc@yahoo.com)

Version: 2 Date: 8 October 2014

Author’s response to reviews:

Department of Medical Rehabilitation
Obafemi Awolowo University
Ile-Ife, Nigeria.
08/10/2014.

The Editor in Chief,
BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

Dear Sir,

REVISION TO MANUSCRIPT

Sequel to your comments on our manuscript titled “PREVALENCE AND PATTERN OF COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN AMONG PEASANT FARMERS IN A RURAL COMMUNITY IN SOUTH-WESTERN NIGERIA”, I hereby respond that all the reviewers’ comments were noted and addressed appropriately. Specifically, based on the suggestion of one of the reviewers, the title was recast as” PREVALENCE AND MODES OF COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE USE AMONG PEASANT FARMERS WITH MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN IN A RURAL COMMUNITY IN SOUTH-WESTERN NIGERIA”. The abstract was modified to reflect the changes made in title as shown in the ‘objective section’. The result section of the abstract was also re-structured for more clarity.

The introduction section of the revised manuscript was beefed up to strengthen the justification of the study. Previous studies on Musculoskeletal Disorders in Nigeria were cited. The gap in knowledge about MSP and CAM was also highlighted. The materials and methods section was revised to elucidate the
sampling method used in the study. The justification for the study setting, total number of respondents, response rate, refusal rate, and eligibility criteria were presented. Rewording and rephrasing of ambiguous items in the questionnaire used in this study was effected for clarity of the reader as suggested. The editorial mistakes in the questionnaire were also corrected. The mode of administration of the questionnaire was also highlighted in the revised manuscript. Case definitions for MSP and CAM use were rephrased in the revised manuscript. The prevalence as used in this study was defined under the statistical analysis section and the test statistics used were also highlighted. Some parts of the result section were rephrased. The tables were reduced from six to five by merging results with similar theme on the same table. Titles of tables were recast in the light of corrections made. The recommendation from the study and the limitation were recast as suggested. The conclusion in the discussion section was also recast. In light of the additions made to the background of the study, the new references cited were also listed on the reference page. All the correction done to the manuscript was presented in BOLD FORMAT.

Thank you for the contributions to making this manuscript better.

Yours Sincerely,
Chidozie E. Mbada PhD PT
Department of Medical Rehabilitation
College of Health Sciences
Obafemi Awolowo University
Ile-Ife, Nigeria