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Point-by-point response

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We accepted all the suggestions by the reviewers. However, the following are the point by point (and explanation) on the specific adjustment made in response to Queries raised.

P5, Last paragraph

Query on a sentence that was indicated as too hard to follow

Response

We have amended it to be meaningful to every reader as corrected by the editor
The statement now reads thus:

Although, the prevalence of these conditions are also high in other countries such as India, the mortality rate due to the disease is higher in Nigeria

P5, Query on the last 2 statement of the Last paragraph

By explanation: We are trying to emphasis that conjugal unions are sacred institution in Nigeria, that it is often expected to result in having children and that the strategies to sustain such
conjugal unions could be important. This statement, by the way, is just to emphasize the importance of coping strategies within marriage in the Nigeria context.

Response

We agreed with the advice for the change of few words or the sentence. However, we desire to add that the strategies for sustaining such conjugal unions are therefore essential.

Thus, the new statement now reads:

In the traditional African system, where conjugal unions are sacred and expected to result in having children (Amoo et al., 2015; Botha & Booysen, 2013), strategies for sustaining such conjugal unions are therefore essential.

P6, Paragraph 2

The ideal word should have been ‘resolvable’. We wanted to say ….to resolve marital conflict through effective management. However, we abide by editor’s suggestion but only substituted it with … have solution…. in order to give better understanding to prospective readers.

The new sentence now read:

Some instances of male sexual dysfunction are not preventable; however, the resulting marital conflict may have solution through effective management.

Query on the inclusion of Discussion Guide (P8)

The discussion guide is now included as instructed.

Query on the meaning of RATS guidelines for qualitative study (P9)

(1) We have now added the meaning of RATS. The new statement now reads:

We adhered to qualitative research review guidelines (RATS) that places emphasis on the relevance of study research questions, appropriateness of methods, transparency, and soundness of interpretive approach.

(2) Also, because of the above addition, we broke the sentences into two sentences and the second reads as follows:

We also followed the consolidated criteria for reporting qualitative research (COREQ) in the presentation of this research.

Query on the use of table (P9)
Although, we detest the use of numbers, percentages in qualitative study, but base on the comment from the editor/reviewer, we have attached the demographic (background information) table as requested. Basic information in the table has already been summarised (as we deemed necessary) in the preliminary sentences of the result section.

However, the summary for husbands’ sexual health problems are as reported in the study.

Response

The background characteristics table is now included

Query on P10

Always? or in some cases they believed that their husbands’ disorder resulted from a spiritual attack?

Response

We have amended it by adding - in some cases.

P14 Query – on the statement

The use of a framework model could, therefore, enhance the empirical findings from this study to be located within the wider theoretical literature on coping with spousal sexual problems.

Response

The portion has been expunged to avoid confusion

Glossary (P17)

The meaning of RATS has been included as follows:


References

Although, we earlier made a case for why we cited Arrington, Cofrancesco and Wu (2004) but it has been queried two times. So we have decided to do away with it.

Response

The reference (Arrington, Cofrancesco and Wu (2004) has now been deleted.
Finally, we express our gratitude to all Reviewers, especially the Editor, for the painstaking in repeated review of our manuscript. We have definitely received more than reviewer’s comments but valuable tutoring from their wealth of experience in this special area of Qualitative investigation and reporting. Our encountering them has done a lifetime positive change to our career.