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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_126904
Title of the Manuscript:	Knowledge of diabetes and associated factors among diabetic clients living with HIV in Eastern Uganda Baseline cross-sectional survey
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

Compulsory REVISION comments	Reviewer's comment	Author's Feedback (Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. Why do you like (or dislike) this manuscript? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>This manuscript offers valuable insights into the level of diabetes knowledge among people living with HIV (PLWH) in Eastern Uganda, a population often neglected in diabetes education research. Its focus on understanding the factors that influence diabetes knowledge in this dual-disease context is highly relevant for public health interventions, especially in resource-limited settings. The findings could help inform targeted educational programs to improve self-management of diabetes and related complications in HIV care. The study is timely and important as it addresses a critical gap in healthcare, where HIV care often overshadows the management of coexisting conditions like diabetes.</p> <p>What I particularly appreciate about this manuscript is its potential to guide future interventions and contribute to integrated care models that consider both HIV and diabetes in treatment protocols. The use of a well-defined methodology and the clear identification of associated factors make it a strong addition to the field, highlighting the need for improved training for healthcare workers and tailored educational programs for patients.</p>	
<p>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p>	<p>The title, "<i>Knowledge of diabetes and associated factors among diabetic clients living with HIV in Eastern Uganda: Baseline cross-sectional survey</i>," is mostly suitable, but could be slightly refined for clarity and impact.</p>	
<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p>The abstract is clear and informative, covering key aspects of the study. However, a few improvements could enhance its clarity and impact as briefly elaborate on why diabetes knowledge is particularly important among clients with HIV, as this may help underline the relevance of the study.</p>	
<p>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p>	<p>The structure and subsections of your manuscript appear generally appropriate and organized, but a few adjustments could improve clarity and flow, particularly in making each section more cohesive and user-friendly for readers</p>	
<p>Please write a few sentences regarding the scientific correctness of this manuscript. Why do you think that this manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound? A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</p>	<p>The introduction provides a solid foundation for the study but could be enhanced by clarifying some points, tightening the language, and creating a more logical flow. The Methodology section is comprehensive and well-organized, covering the study design, setting, population, sampling methods, eligibility criteria, study variables, and data analysis. The discussion is thorough and well-referenced, connecting your findings to relevant studies. However, the interpretation could be more streamlined, particularly in attributing reasons for low diabetes knowledge.</p>	
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p>The references are sufficient</p>	

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Minor REVISION comments Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	The language and English quality of the article are generally suitable for scholarly communication, but there are areas where improvement could enhance clarity and readability.	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Introduction Clarity: While the introduction effectively sets the context of the study, it could benefit from clearer explanations of some key terms and concepts for readers unfamiliar with the subject matter. For instance, providing a more detailed overview of how HIV impacts diabetes management or mentioning some specific challenges faced by people living with both HIV and diabetes could help set the stage more effectively.	

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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