

### Review Form 3

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| Journal Name:            | <a href="#">Asian Journal of Research in Infectious Diseases</a>                           |
| Manuscript Number:       | Ms_AJRID_126305  |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Social and Health Inequality in Nigeria: A Survey of Ajegunle Slum Dwellers of Lagos State |
| Type of the Article      |  |

#### PART 1: Review Comments

| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments   | Reviewer's comment   | Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| 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.                        | Like the manuscript because it is addressing issue of inequality in Africa which is an emerging issues across social and political issues.   |   |
| Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)  | Fairly suitable. The title does not suggest any problematic issues coming out of health and social inequality. Also study area should be manifested in methodology.<br><br>Suggest "Breaking Barriers: Emergent Strategies Toward Reducing Social and Health Disparities in Nigeria".  |   |
| 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.   | The abstract is fairly done but does not capture the methodology used by the researcher. Also it lacks theoretical orientation and explanation of inequality in Africa context which may enhance comprehension of the problem to the readers and policy makers. Finally it lacks the voice of the researcher in terms of the conclusions from the research findings.   |   |
| Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?  | Not well articulated for the reader. For example, the discussion should be literature review and should highlight some theoretical and methodological gaps in literature and identify how the current research will try to fill some of these gaps. Also there is need for table of contents in the begging od the manuscript to show the organization and flow of the research. Introduction is too long and lacks the voice of the researcher. Introduction should introduce the organization and flow of the research. Some of the literature in the introduction section can be moved to Literature review section.  |   |
| 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. | The research seems to concentrate on impact more than the looking at in-depth issues on social and health inequalities in African slums. For example, access to basic services like water, medicine, health information, leadership positions, jobs, educations, wealth or income. Although, these paper describe desperate condition of living within slums and reveal big inequality of slum dwellers' rights, it is necessary to note that there are some community based interventions with weak positive evidence that may point to some future enhancement of inequalities which need to highlighted.  |   |
| Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.<br>:  | Most of the references seem to be recent but not sufficient especially from Nigeria. Some of the suggested references from Nigeria include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kizito, Uzoma, Ndugbu. "Building a Healthier Nigeria: The Social Justice Case for Universal Health Insurance." Deleted Journal, 10 (2024):46-57. doi: 10.22461/jhea.1.71646</li> <li>• Yusuf, Wada., Kenneth, Okoineme., Jennifer, Anyanti., Dayyabu, Yusuf., Omileha, M., Odey., Isibhakhomen, Y., Ikhimiukor., Omokhudu, Idogho. "Operationalizing strategies for expanding UHC for the vulnerable population in Nigeria." Public health in practice, 6 (2023). doi: 10.1016/j.puhip.2023.100445</li> <li>• Jang, Byencit, Ruth., Al-Mansur, Umaima., Jimwan, Nankam, David., Magaji, Ajik.,</li> </ul> |   |

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|   | <p>Daniel, Abi, Abigail., Al-Mansur, Sumayya. "Strengthening the Healthcare Workforce for Universal Health Coverage in Nigeria: Lessons and Strategies." null (2023). doi: 10.9734/ijtdh/2023/v44i171471</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ayo-Dada, Oluwaseun, Dorcas., Osuolale, Bolatito, Tundun., Adeyemi, Susanna, Adebusayo., Ayodele, Oladipo, Akinpelu., Anita, M., Dabar., Olanike, O., Balogun. "Strategies for Addressing Adolescent Health Challenges in Nigeria: Socio-cultural and Economic Concerns." null (2024).:11-29. doi: 10.9734/bpi/mria/v6/12078f</li> <li>• Chukwuedo, Susan, Oburota., Ewere, F.O., Okungbowa., Felix, Awara, Eke. "Socioeconomic Inequalities in Maternal Health Care Utilization and Delivery Channels in Nigeria." Journal of POPULATION and SOCIAL STUDIES (Online), 31 (2023).:672-695. doi: 10.25133/jpssv312023.037</li> </ul> |  |
| Minor REVISION comments   | Yes. Just a little of the voice of the researcher in the language.  |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? |   |  |
| Optional/General comments   |   |  |

**PART 2:**

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|  | <b>Reviewer's comment</b>  | <b>Author's comment</b> (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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