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| Type of the Article      | Original Research Article   |

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### PART 1: Review Comments

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| <b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments | <p>The information is not useful if an analysis is not carried out and the results obtained are not shown. From this point of view, the article fulfils the objectives. But under my point of view, there are other articles that perform similar analysis of other places in Kenya, it would be convenient to make a comparative study of the results obtained in this article with other articles that refer to other areas of the country.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Sijuwola O, Fasina O. Etiology of visual impairment among ophthalmic patients at Federal Medical Center, Abeokuta, Nigeria. J West Afr Coll Surg. 2012;2(4):38-50.</p> <p>Ejiakor I, Achigbu E, Onyia O, Edema O, Florence UN. Impact of Visual Impairment and Blindness on Quality of Life of Patients in Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria. Middle East Afr J Ophthalmol. 2019;26(3):127-132. Published 2019 Sep 30. doi:10.4103/meajo.MEAJO_256_18</p> <p>Ejiakor IL, Achigbu EO, Onyia OE, et al. Comparative Analysis of the Impact of Visual Impairment on Quality of Life of Patients Attending a Tertiary Hospital in South East, Nigeria. Niger J Clin Pract. 2022;25(1):5-11. doi:10.4103/njcp.njcp_24_21</p> <p>Kyari, F., Entekume, G., Rabi, M. et al. A Population-based survey of the prevalence and types of glaucoma in Nigeria: results from the Nigeria National Blindness and Visual Impairment Survey. BMC Ophthalmol 15, 176 (2015). <a href="https://doi.org/10.1186/s12886-015-0160-6">https://doi.org/10.1186/s12886-015-0160-6</a></p> | Kindly noted  |
| <b>Minor</b> REVISION comments      | <p>You should check the writing and bibliography:</p> <p>References must be listed at the end of the manuscript and numbered in the order that they appear in the text. Every reference referred in the text must also present in the reference list and vice versa. In the text, citations should be indicated by the reference number in brackets [3].</p> <p>Journal name abbreviations should be those found in the NCBI databases (Link: <a href="http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals">http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals</a>).</p> <p>List the first six authors followed by et al.</p> <p>Use of a DOI number for the full-text article is encouraged. (if available).</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Wrong:</p> <p>Rabi MM, Kyari F, Ezelum C, Elhassan E, Sanda S, Murthy GV, Sivasubramaniam S, Gilbert C, Abdull MM, Abiose A, Bankole O, Entekume G, Faal H, Immam A, Sang LP, Abubakar T. Review of the publications of the Nigeria National blindness survey: methodology, prevalence, causes of blindness and visual impairment and outcome of cataract surgery. Ann Afr. Med. 2012 Jul-Sep; 11(3): 125-30.</p> <p>Correct:</p> <p>Rabi MM, Kyari F, Ezelum C, et al. Review of the publications of the Nigeria national</p>   | Corrections duly made.  |

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|                           | <p>blindness survey: methodology, prevalence, causes of blindness and visual impairment and outcome of cataract surgery. Ann Afr Med. 2012;11(3):125-130. doi:10.4103/1596-3519.96859</p> <p>Wrong:</p> <p>The Nigeria National blindness and visual impairment survey.<br/>http://pbunion.org/countriessurvey_summary_report</p> <p>Correct:</p> <p>Dineen B, Gilbert CE, Rabiou M, et al. The Nigerian national blindness and visual impairment survey: Rationale, objectives and detailed methodology. BMC Ophthalmol. 2008;8:17. Published 2008 Sep 22. doi:10.1186/1471-2415-8-17</p> <p><b>Check the full article:</b></p> <p>The 21-30years and then 11-20years age 10years later</p> <p>Check the use of upper and lower case letters.<br/>Major causes of blindness were Glaucoma (26%), cataract (23.3%), Trauma (13.3%)</p> <p>The World Health Organization (ICD-10) defines visual impairment as presenting visual acuity less than 6/18. Low vision (Moderate and severe visual impairment) is defined as presenting visual acuity less than 6/18 to 3/60 while blindness is defined as presenting visual acuity less than 3/60 in the better eye of an individual or visual field less than 10o from fixation. (Reference required)</p> |  |
| 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) |
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