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Title of the Manuscript:	FACTORS INFLUENCING CHOICE OF MEDICAL TREATMENT OPTIONS AMONG RURAL PEOPLE IN SELECTED COMMUNITIES IN IMO STATE, NIGERIA
Type of the Article	Short Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	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)
Compulsory REVISION comments	How was the selection of participants done? Any randomisation? Given the rural setting, I would think that not all participants were literate enough to read and answer questions in the questionnaire. What was done to elicit unbiased answers from this category of participants? Did you have to use a translator? Or were there questionnaires in the local language? If so, then the author must describe succinctly what he did in the methodology.	The questions and items in the questionnaire were translated and explained in the local language for illiterate respondents. The communities were randomly selected please. The purpose and objective of the research were clearly explained to the respondents to avert any form of suspicion. The research assistants used in the administration of the questionnaire were trained on how best to get about the assignment before they went to the field.
Minor REVISION comments	#Under Background of study: 3rd Paragraph 1st line- 'researches has' should be researches have. Also in 2nd line- 'social and cultural factors and health' is better put as socio-cultural factors and health. 4th Paragraph 3rd line. Place comma after determined #Under justification of the study: Last paragraph 1st line- remove "s" from materials # Under operationalization of concepts: 'Social-cultural factors' should be socio-cultural factors. In the last line "social-demographic" should rather be socio-demographic. # "Health cultural" should be Health culture.	#3rd paragraph; 1st line:- We disagree with this observation/comment because the verb "has" is relating to "number". 2nd line corrected #4th paragraph; 3rd line:- Agreed and corrected # Under justification of the Study:- 1st line Agreed and corrected # Under Operationalization of Concepts:- Agreed and corrected # Under "Health Cultural" should be Health Culture:- Agreed and corrected



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<u>Optional/General</u> comments	This study is an interesting study. It highlights the grip African traditions still have on Africans, including the educated ones, in making treatment choices. ethical issues-: It is important the author states clearly how he got ethical approval to conduct this study. He did not also mention if he got informed consent from the participants in the study. These must be addressed. competing interest -: There is no suggestion of competing interest on the part of the author	Consent was sought and received from the traditional rulers of the communities before the research was carried out. The participants were properly briefed on the purpose of the research and their consent obtained. This explains the maximum co-operation they gave.
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