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Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_25601
Title of the Manuscript:	Are we treating the right people? Are we treating the people right? Health status, knowledge and quality of life amongst patients with diabetes at a specialized clinic at Kamuzu Central Hospital, Malawi.
Type of the Article	Original 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	Lines 28-30: Little is known about the demographic characteristics, health status, disease specific knowledge and subjective QoL of patients with diabetes in Malawi. What are/would be the impacts of such gap in knowledge in Malawi? Could the authors clarify in the introduction why studying these aspects is crucial or most needed? (<i>eg1</i>: DM prevalence is increasing, but is lethality also increasing in Malawi or in KCH, so that there is a need to understand some specific aspects of DM to better control the progression of the disease? <i>eg2</i>: What are current health policies about DM in Malawi? What could this research bring to these policies?). Lines 61-64: <i>The medical review is usually brief and symptoms-oriented. There is no specific protocol for patients' management. Medicines like oral anti-diabetes drugs (OADs) or insulin are prescribed for up to three months depending on availability in the pharmacy. Diagnosis of type 1 or type 2 diabetes is based on clinical symptoms and age.</i> The 1st part of title of the study is: "Are we treating the right people?" I have not caught which parts of the questionnaire answer that question. It seems to me it is already outlined here as the authors tell about diagnosis methods and management in KCH. I understood from this	



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	paragraph the answer was obviously no. Unless we account for what is said in the discussion part lines 235-237. So could the authors explain what part of the study is about this 1st part of the title or do they agree with me?	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Abstract : 15.9% had an HbA1c <5.5%. Better not begin a sentence with a figure. Suggestion: And 15.9% had an HbA1c <5.5%. Lines 20-21: The global prevalence of diabetes in 2013 reached approximately 382 million... About what? Next sentence seems to clarify. Suggestion: During waiting time, a retired nurse gives non-standardized short sessions on health education about. Lines 57-58: During waiting time, a retired nurse gives non-standardized short sessions on health education about. About what? Next sentence seems to clarify. Suggestion: During waiting time, a retired nurse gives non-standardized short sessions on health education about. Line 138: Twenty –eight % : Suggestion: Twenty –eight percent	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		

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