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| Journal Name: | [**Advances in Research**](https://journalair.com/index.php/AIR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AIR\_139355** |
| Title of the Manuscript:  | **Toward a Legislative Framework for Traditional and Complementary Medicine in Africa: A Legal Commentary on Ghana and the Gambia** |
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| PART 1: Comments |
|  | Reviewer’s comment**Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.** | **Author’s Feedback** (It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
| **Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.** | This paper provides a significant and valuable contribution to the scientific and legal discussion of health governance in Africa by addressing the long-standing gap in regulating Traditional and Complementary Medicine (TCAM). The author presents a comparative legal analysis of Ghana and The Gambia. The legal analysis of TCAM in Ghana and The Gambia sets the foundations for developing health policy that is inclusive, culturally appropriate, and constitutionally recognized. This work is also significant because it highlights the themes of legal pluralism, decolonization, and indigenous knowledge jurisprudence in health governance, taking a multidisciplinary approach that is mostly absent in public health law scholarship. Not only does this paper build health law and policy scholarship, but it also has implications for practice for policy-makers, healthcare practitioners and communities seeking advocacy for, and development of, equitable and integrative health care systems in Africa. |  |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?****(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | Yes, the title of the article is generally suitable because, as it is clear, informative, and accurately reflects the scope of the manuscript, which includes both comparative legal analysis and policy recommendations regarding TCAM in Africa, with a focus on two countries named. |  |
| 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. | Yes, the abstract is informative and successfully captured the study's background, purpose, methods, findings, and recommendations. Nevertheless, the abstract could be better clarified, stated with more precision, and aligned with the expectations of academic journals. What follows are suggestions for your improvement:Suggestion for Improvement:For example, if the author were to simplify the phrase “a doctrinal legal research methodology was employed, along with a comparative constitutional analysis” to “a doctrinal and comparative legal approach was used” for clarity, it would be a good idea to add a phrase like, “providing a model for other African nations” at the end of the abstract. |  |
| Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here. | Yes, the manuscript is scientifically and legally sound.  |  |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | The references are relevant but could be updated. Adding a few recent sources (post-2020), such as newer WHO reports or recent studies on TCAM in Africa, would strengthen the manuscript. |  |
| Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications? | Yes, the language is clear, formal, and suitable for scholarly communication. Minor edits for conciseness and sentence flow in a few sections would improve readability. |  |
| Optional/General comments | This is a timely and organised manuscript that addresses an important gap in African health law. Enhancing recent references and tightening up few sections such as; Introduction; The paragraph starting with “Despite its relevance, traditional medicine has struggled…” is a little wordy and could say the same thing more succinctly. Also, Theoretical Framework; The description of each theory (especially “Postcolonial Legal Theory”) could be shortened slightly to reduce repetition. Lastly: Findings and Discussion; The paragraph starting with “The study recommends establishing a dual registration…” is repetitive and could be reworded to improve brevity and clarity would strengthen this piece |  |

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| **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?**  | *(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)* |  |

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