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| Journal Name: | [**Asian Journal of Advanced Research and Reports**](https://journalajarr.com/index.php/AJARR) |
| Manuscript Number: | **Ms\_AJARR\_141279** |
| Title of the Manuscript: | **AN APPRAISAL OF THE ZERO-CAPITAL DRUG REVOLVING FUNDS (ZDRF) SCHEME FOR SURGICAL, ONCOLOGY AND PALLIATIVE CARE PATIENTS AT FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE MAKURDI (FMCM), NORTH CENTRAL NIGERIA** |
| Type of the Article | **Original Research Article** |

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| **PART 1: Comments** | | | | | |
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| **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 study aims to evaluate or assess the performance, effectiveness, challenges, and impact of the scheme. This manuscript is important to the scientific and healthcare community as it critically evaluates an innovative, low- resource financing model, the Zero-Capital Drug Revolving Fund (ZDRF), for ensuring consistent access to essential medications in high-need clinical areas such as surgery, oncology, and palliative care. By examining the implementation and outcomes of the ZDRF scheme at Federal Medical Centre Makurdi, the study provides evidence-based insights into sustainable drug supply mechanisms in low- and middle-income settings. The findings can inform policy decisions, support replication of similar models in other healthcare institutions, and contribute to improving medication access, treatment adherence, and patient outcomes in resource-constrained  Environments. | | This is well noted and precisely captures the philosophy behind this study. | |
| **Is the title of the article suitable?**  **(If not please suggest an alternative title)** | | Yes, the title is suitable and informative. However, for clarity and improved academic style, a more concise version could be:  “Evaluation of a Zero-Capital Drug Revolving Fund for Surgical, Oncology, and Palliative Care at Federal Medical Centre Makurdi, Nigeria.”  This revision improves readability while maintaining the core elements. Here’s a breakdown and a suggestion.  Option 2 (Emphasizing Impact and Scope):  "Assessing the Impact of a Zero-Capital Drug Revolving Fund on Medicine Availability for Surgical, Cancer, and Palliative Care in North-Central Nigeria" | | Appraisal means, “an act of assessing something or someone” (Oxford Dictionary),  Hence we suggest that we go with the Title of the Manuscript in its present form. | |
| **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 short and Poor. He needs to add more information. He should provide concise summary of the research or other scholarly document. He should give readers a quick overview of the key points of the study, including adding more content in its purpose, methodology, results, and conclusions. Typically 150 to 300 words  Without the full abstract text, a detailed assessment is not possible. The writer should consider revising the manuscript for completeness and a comprehensive abstract.  The following sections of the manuscript require further development and the inclusion of relevant scholarly sources to enhance clarity, depth, and academic rigor:  **Purpose of the Study**: The rationale and objectives should be clearly articulated, supported by recent literature that highlights the significance and relevance of the research topic.  **Methodology**: Details regarding the study design, sample size determination, sampling techniques, data collection instruments, and analytical tools should be thoroughly described. Justification for the chosen methods should be grounded in established methodological frameworks.  **Key Findings or Results**: The results section should be expanded to include both statistical and contextual interpretations of the findings. Where applicable, comparisons with existing studies should be made to demonstrate the study’s contribution to current knowledge. | | The Abstract has been expanded to provide a concise summary of the study. However we strive to stay within the acceptable 300 words maximum.  The purpose of the study has been reviewed and updated to provide a concise summary.  The methodology has also been revisited with expansion of the study design, sample size determination and justification for the chosen methods explained in more details.  Key findings or Results have also been updated with clear delineation of the subsection on conclusion and recommendations both for policy makers and academic community.  ZDRF is a new concept, so comparisons with existing studies is limited by scarce literature. | |
| **Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.** | | Yes, standard scientific methods were followed, and based on the study topic, the manuscript appears to be scientifically correct.  The methodology is clearly described and justified but needs adjustment. Data collection and analysis are transparent.  Conclusions are drawn from results, without overstatement. | | While noting this, We have however updated the methodology and data collection with further clarity. | |
| **Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.** | | The reference is okay but should consider to  Include recent sources (preferably from the last 5–7 years) if available  Additional cite foundational works on drug revolving funds, healthcare financing, and access to medicine if available  Additional WHO reports on essential medicines and financing if available  Additional country-specific policy documents or peer-reviewed studies on DFR or ZDRF models if available | | The Reference section has been updated with removal of some outdated references and addition of four new ones from recent publications, taking cognizance of country-specific studies. | |
| **Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?** | | The English in the title and form appears understandable but could benefit from minor academic enhancement for clarity and fluency. | | The entire Manuscript has been revised to correct grammatical errors and improve scholarly communication. | |
| **Optional/General** comments | | The author has made a commendable effort in presenting the research. The paper demonstrates a clear understanding of the subject matter and contributes meaningfully to the field. However, addressing the minor errors identified during the review, will significantly enhance the overall quality. Once these revisions are made, the manuscript will be well-positioned for publication. | | Well noted. | |

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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)* | We totally agree with the reviewer’s comment on the usage of AI technologies. We have equally corrected the manuscript and highlighted the part applicable to us in the manuscript. |