

(1) Reviewer #1:

Scientific Quality: Grade C (Good)

Language Quality: Grade B (Minor language polishing)

Conclusion: Accept (General priority)

Specific Comments to Authors: The proposed review manuscript by Onyishi et al. aimed to evaluate the impact of spiritual beliefs and faith-based interventions on the management of diabetes mellitus. The general conclusion of the authors is that there is a tendency of spiritual beliefs to be linked with the acceptance and management of diabetes conditions, and that faith-based interventions can be useful in diabetes management. This is an interesting, well-organized, structured and written review, in my opinion. I do not have any comments for improvement.

Authors' Response: Thank you for finding time to review our manuscript. The general conclusion is now well captured in the manuscript. Also, the language quality of the manuscript has been improved by a professional editing company.

- (2) **Science editor:** 1 Scientific quality: The manuscript describes a review of the impact of spiritual beliefs and faith-based interventions on diabetes management. The topic is within the scope of the WJD. (1) Classification: Grade C; (2) Summary of the Peer-Review Report: The general conclusion of the authors is that there is a tendency of spiritual beliefs to be linked with the acceptance and management of diabetes conditions and that faith-based interventions can be useful in diabetes management. This is an interesting, well-organized, structured and written review; and (3) Format: There are 2 tables and 1 figure. A total of 72 references are cited, including 20 references published in the last 3 years. There are no self-citations. 2 Language evaluation: Classification: Grade B. No language editing certificate was provided. 3 Academic norms and rules: No academic misconduct was found in the Bing search. 4 Supplementary comments: This is an invited manuscript. No financial support was obtained for the study. The topic has not previously been published in the WJD.

Issues raised:

- (1) PMID and DOI numbers are missing in the reference list. Please provide the PubMed numbers and DOI citation numbers to the reference list and list all authors of the references. Please revise throughout.

Authors' Response: We have thoroughly gone through the reference list and all missing PMID and DOI numbers for cited works have been supplied. Any referenced material in the manuscript without PMID and DOI numbers, to the best of our knowledge, implied that they are not available/not applicable. Language certificate has been attached too.

- (2) If an author of a submission is re-using a figure or figures published elsewhere, or that is copyrighted, the author must provide documentation that the previous publisher or copyright holder has given permission for the figure to be re-published; and correctly indicating the reference source and copyrights. For example, "Figure 1 Histopathological examination by hematoxylin-eosin staining (200 ×). A: Control group; B: Model group; C: Pioglitazone hydrochloride group; D: Chinese herbal medicine group. Citation: Yang JM, Sun Y, Wang M, Zhang XL, Zhang SJ, Gao YS, Chen L, Wu MY, Zhou L, Zhou YM, Wang Y, Zheng FJ, Li YH.

Regulatory effect of a Chinese herbal medicine formula on non-alcoholic fatty liver disease. World J Gastroenterol 2019; 25(34): 5105-5119. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2019. Published by Baishideng Publishing Group Inc[6]”. And please cite the reference source in the references list. If the author fails to properly cite the published or copyrighted picture(s) or table(s) as described above, he/she will be subject to withdrawal of the article from BPG publications and may even be held liable

Authors’ Response: Thank you for your observation about the Figure. We wish to state that the Figure contain in our manuscript is original and has not been publish elsewhere. The authors, upon literature review, masterfully created the Figure to elucidate on the potential link between spiritual beliefs, faith-based interventions and diabetes management. Thus, the copyright is owned by authors. WJD will be the first to publish this Figure.

(3) Authors should always cite references that are relevant to their study. Please check and remove any references that not relevant to this study. 6 Recommendation: Conditional acceptance.

Authors’ Response: Thank you for emphasizing on the need to cite only relevant studies. Thorough review of related and relevant literatures has been done by the authors. We can assure you that all cited materials are relevant to the present study as each material helped to shed light on the key variables which are spiritual beliefs, faith-based interventions and diabetes management as well their relationships.

(3) **Company editor-in-chief:** I have reviewed the Peer-Review Report, full text of the manuscript, and the relevant ethics documents, all of which have met the basic publishing requirements of the World Journal of Diabetes, and the manuscript is conditionally accepted. I have sent the manuscript to the author(s) for its revision according to the Peer-Review Report, Editorial Office’s comments and the Criteria for Manuscript Revision by Authors.

Authors’ Response: Thank you for finding time to review the peer-review report. We have improved the manuscript as suggested by the reviewer and science editor.