

Author Response Re: Article ID- JSWWP-249

Article Title-Breast Cancer Outreach in Ghana: A Review of Awareness Campaigns and the Role of Social Work in Advancing Functional Knowledge

The author(s) appreciate the reviewers' feedback. Please see the following chart for author responses.

Review Area	Reviewer #1	Reviewer #2	AUTHOR'S RESPONSES
Contribution to literature	The manuscript contributes to the literature by integrating public health, cultural, and social work perspectives and highlighting the role of social work in improving cancer awareness, education, and policy advocacy.	This issue is of paramount importance to the scientific community	Appreciate reviewers' recognition of manuscript's contribution to literature
Abstract	clearly summarizes the background, purpose, findings, and implications of the narrative review. It effectively highlights the major themes and recommendations.		Feedback appreciated.
Readability	Several grammatical and formatting issues should be corrected to improve readability and scholarly presentation	Appropriate for scholarly discourse. However, it is advisable to implement minor grammatical revisions and consider restructuring certain sentences to enhance clarity and coherence.	The manuscript was thoroughly proofread and minor corrections were made (i.e., till changed to still). Additional edits made throughout to improve sentence structure and clarity. Grammar check confirmed through Grammarly.edu
Writing	The manuscript is well written and understandable	Integrate the existing content titled "Background" and its subtopics into relevant sections, specifically	Reviewer #1's feedback appreciated. Regarding Reviewer #2's comments, the manuscript was structured exactly as the previous manuscript published with the <i>Journal</i> in Dec 2025. Generally speaking, in a research paper, only a Background section is needed. In this article specifically, the

		within the Introduction (accounting for 10% of the manuscript) and the Literature Review, which should encompass the existing subtopics.	Background section serves as the Lit Review. After which the manuscript moves on to Methods, Results, and Discussion/Conclusion. Per National Institutes of Health (NIH), a standard research manuscript uses the IMRAD format (Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion). If required/desired by the <i>Journal</i> , the term Background can be changed to Introduction.
References/Citations	Recent, relevant, and appropriate for the topic. The manuscript includes current literature from 2023–2026 and incorporates both peer-reviewed studies and policy-related sources.	Citations from the reference list must be integrated into the body of the manuscript as follows: Dadzi, R., & Adam, A. (2019); Ofosuhene, R., Effah, A., Sam-Awortwi, W. Jr, Boamah, R. A. B., Akosah, P., & Obirikorang, C. (2025); and Owusu Achiaw, S., Geue, C., & Grieve, E. (2025).	Added Dadzi, R., & Adam, A. (2019)— see page 3 Ofosuhene, R., Effah, A., Sam-Awortwi, W. Jr, Boamah, R. A. B., Akosah, P., & Obirikorang, C. (2025); was already integrated into the body. see page 3 Owusu Achiaw, S., Geue, C., & Grieve, E. (2025) was corrected to Achiaw et al. (2025)—was already integrated into the body. see page 4
Overall Value	integration of social work perspectives into breast cancer outreach and functional knowledge is a notable strength. The manuscript is well organized, supported by current literature, and provides useful recommendations for practice, education, and policy		Feedback appreciated.
Revisions requested	Minor revisions related to grammar, formatting consistency, conceptual clarification, and deeper analytical discussion would	"Implications for Social Work" and "Conclusion" lack proper citations; Including additional references will	For Reviewer #1, Manuscript was thoroughly proofread; corrections made to several sentences to improve formatting and conceptual clarification. An additional paragraph with a 2025 citation added to Discussion to

	further strengthen the manuscript for publication.	significantly underscore the depth/breadth of the research presented	deepen analytical discussion (See page 10). For reviewer #2: Please note the following citations are included in Implications and Conclusion: American Cancer Society (2026) Gilbert & Dako-Gyeke (2018) Tuck et al.(2024) Dedey et al. (2025) Adam et al. (2026) Osei et al. (2022) Agha et al. (2021) Amonoo et al. (2023) Tetteh et al. (2024)
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Reviewer comment -1

This manuscript addresses an important public health issue in Ghana and sub-Saharan Africa by examining breast cancer outreach, awareness, and functional knowledge. The manuscript contributes to the literature by integrating public health, cultural, and social work perspectives and highlighting the role of social work in improving cancer awareness, education, and policy advocacy.

The abstract clearly summarizes the background, purpose, findings, and implications of the narrative review. It effectively highlights the major themes and recommendations.

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This manuscript addresses an important and timely topic with meaningful implications for public health and social work practice in Ghana. The integration of social work perspectives into breast cancer outreach and functional knowledge is a notable strength. The manuscript is well organized, supported by current literature, and provides useful recommendations for practice, education, and policy. Minor revisions related to grammar, formatting consistency, conceptual clarification, and deeper analytical discussion would further strengthen the manuscript for publication.

Reviewer comment -2

The manuscript, which emphasizes breast cancer as a significant public health concern in Ghana, underscores its status as the leading cause of cancer-related mortality among women. This issue is of paramount importance to the scientific community.

The overall quality of the English utilized is generally appropriate for scholarly discourse. However, it is advisable to implement minor grammatical revisions and consider restructuring certain sentences to enhance clarity and coherence.

The manuscript requires a comprehensive restructuring to fully realize its potential. It is essential to reorganize the manuscript to enhance its readability and ensure compliance with the submission guidelines of the journal. The author should integrate the existing content titled "Background" and its subtopics into relevant sections, specifically within the Introduction (accounting for 10% of the manuscript) and the Literature Review, which should encompass the existing subtopics. Furthermore, several paragraphs in sections such as "Implications for Social Work" and "Conclusion" lack proper citations. Including additional references will significantly underscore the depth and breadth of the research presented.

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