

Table 1 Students' views on the benefits of, support for and barriers to the use of indigenous languages in clinical practice, Nigeria, 2019

Item	No. (%) (n = 312)				
	Strongly agree	Agree	Undecided	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Knowledge of indigenous language among medical students could promote language concordance between patients and students	142 (45.5)	124 (39.7)	40 (12.8)	4 (1.3)	2 (0.6)
Clinical clerkship in the native language could enhance diagnostic accuracy and help patients and their families to understand diagnosis and treatment	185 (59.3)	32 (10.3)	65 (20.8)	11 (3.5)	19 (6.1)
Use of indigenous language could save physicians from unnecessary litigation	72 (23.1)	103 (33.0)	87 (27.9)	41 (13.1)	9 (2.9)
Use of indigenous language instead of an interpreter for clinical clerkship during MBBS examination could save time	104 (33.3)	140 (44.9)	38 (12.2)	20 (6.4)	10 (3.2)
I support the incorporation of a year course in indigenous language into the pre-basic MBBS programme for effective clinical communication	69 (22.1)	161 (51.6)	59 (18.9)	10 (3.2)	13 (4.2)
Multilingualism is a potential barrier to the inclusion of indigenous language into the medical school curriculum	81 (26)	207 (66.3)	0 (0)	20 (6.4)	4 (1.3)

MBBS= Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery.