

Review of: "[Commentary] Decentralization — “The Fundamental Challenge in the Pakistan Is the Decentralization of Health Care”"

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Thank you for submitting the manuscript titled "Decentralization of the Health System in Pakistan: Challenges and Opportunities" for review. The article provides valuable insights into the impact of the 18th Amendment on the healthcare sector in Pakistan and highlights the challenges and opportunities associated with decentralization.

Strengths:

Comprehensive Analysis: This manuscript offers a thorough analysis of the healthcare system in Pakistan, covering various aspects such as population demographics, healthcare infrastructure, disease burden, and the decentralization process. The arguments are supported with relevant statistics and references from reputable sources, enhancing the credibility and reliability of the study findings. The manuscript follows a logical structure, with distinct sections addressing different aspects of the topic, facilitating readability and comprehension for the reader.

Areas for Improvement:

While the manuscript contains valuable information, there are instances where the language could be more concise and straightforward. Consider revising sentences or paragraphs to eliminate unnecessary words and improve clarity.

While the author has provided a comprehensive overview of the challenges faced in decentralizing the healthcare system, the discussion could benefit from a deeper analysis of potential solutions and recommendations for overcoming these challenges. Offering concrete suggestions for policymakers and stakeholders would enhance the practical relevance of the work. It would be helpful to discuss the implications of findings for healthcare policy and practice in Pakistan. How can the insights gained from the analysis inform future policy decisions and interventions aimed at improving healthcare delivery and outcomes? To provide a well-rounded discussion, consider incorporating alternative perspectives or counterarguments where appropriate. This can enrich the debate and demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the complexities involved in healthcare decentralization.

Suggestions for Revision:

Streamline the discussion through focus on key points and prioritize the most relevant information to avoid overwhelming the reader with excessive detail. This will help maintain the reader's interest and engagement throughout the manuscript.

Provide Actionable Recommendations based on the analysis to guide policymakers, healthcare administrators, and other stakeholders in navigating the challenges of healthcare decentralization effectively. Engage more deeply with existing literature on healthcare decentralization, governance, and health systems strengthening to contextualize the findings and contribute to ongoing scholarly discussions in the field.

Overall, the manuscript presents valuable insights into the decentralization of the healthcare system in Pakistan. With some revisions to improve clarity, depth, and actionable recommendations, this work has the potential to make a meaningful contribution to the existing literature on this important topic.

I look forward to seeing the revised version of this manuscript.