

Review of: "Arthritis in East Africa: An Observational Study"

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This is an interesting paper. I would have liked to see the number values in addition to the % values for table 1 as well as the age-breakdown. I wonder whether the difficulties with rheumatic disease diagnoses was due to difficulties access necessary (supportive) laboratory and imaging testing.

Big call-out to the authors for conducting this study to identify health care needs of rheumatic diseases. I sense that much disease is under recognized given the absence of lupus in the cohort.