

Review of: "An Analysis of Pharmaceutical Inventory Management at a Leading Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kenya"

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This is technical paper that provides an in-depth analysis of expenditure on pharmaceuticals at a major teaching hospital in Kenya. It gives details of the most expensive medicines purchased and their status with respect to their perceived level of importance to treat diseases. It is noted that purchases obtained outside of the tender process were excluded. .It would be useful to know what proportion this was, as it is an indicator of how robust the tender process is. Figure 1 is of limited value as it shows percentage of total expenditure over the three years. It is notable that the two strengths of ceftriaxone injections make up the highest expenditure and high volumes especially for the 250 mg in 2020. Does this level expenditure reflect the guidelines for antibiotic choice in relation to diagnosis? In terms of inventory analysis, the number of medicines on the shelves that have expired reflects wasted expenditure.