

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

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This is interesting topic

This manuscript reflects the status of medical service in East Africa

There are some comments:

- 1-Some grammar corrections should be done especially in introduction section
- 2- the inclusion criteria and exclusion criteria should be clarified in more details and in separate paragraph in methodology section
- 3- a paragraph of ethical approval and patient s' consent should be considered and added in methodology section
- 4- a paragraph of statistical analysis should be added to the methodology section
- 5- there are some inquiry about how did the physicians diagnose some diseases without investigation facilities (as how CTS was diagnosed and confirmed without nerve conduction study or MSUS image ! Did you rely only in clinical experience and findings?
- 5- I think the lack of important investigation tools made many autoimmune diseases to be missed diagnosis or faulty diagnosis.
- 6- the author mentioned that they used hydroxychloroquine in RA patients, what about other DMARDs especially methotrexate?
- 7- paragraph of limitations of the study should be added at the end of discussion section
- 8- a clear conclusion section should be added at the end of the discussion section after limitations of the study