

# Review of: "Decolonisation of Health in East Africa: Opinion Piece"

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First of all, I think the manuscript expresses a new impressive issue, which will contribute to the decolonisation and development of health in Africa, because the manuscript states the idea of 'independence'. However, from academic structure, the paper should have an introduction that explains the 'Health' decolonisation' concept. In my opinion, the independence of the health system requires many keys, firstly, thinking and researching how to monitor financial funding sources (which is unavailable in your current paper), secondly, standardize local health with international standards and ratios (WHO), i.e, determining the deficit in health coverage, by measuring ratios (Population to health facility ratio (PTR), population to physicians...etc. ), in addition to the accessibility and the distribution of health facilities, in cities and rural areas. I required from the authors to add strategies related to how to improve funding sources for health. On the other hand, you must consider the cost of treatment (may refer to financial accessibility, which is the ability to the citizen to pay for healthcare service). In the workforce section, the authors highlighted the immigration of the physicians to study in the United Kingdom, which is a positive for an African doctors. As for brain drain (Human capital flight), I believe reducing this phenomenon depends on improving working conditions in Africa. In the policy section, the authors referred to reducing UK support during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the Covid pandemic, the need for cooperation emerged between all developed countries and Africa to confront crises, especially concerning providing vaccines and medicines. Finally, it requires a comprehensive approach to improve living conditions and provide infrastructure that meets the demand. We also emphasise the necessity of providing qualified medical staff and developing partnerships and cooperation between African and developed countries. Decolonizing health care requires time, tremendous efforts, and a gradual progression of independence.