

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

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The preprint raises a crucial issue for African academics seeking to publish the results of their research.

It is worth noting the segregation that African academics or researchers face when searching for study reports on the internet. It is often difficult to access quality research documents or information when searching the internet from Africa.

At one site, African researchers face internet access issues and are unable to access and download certain research documents (published studies, etc.) on the internet due to low bandwidth.

This opinion piece highlights the problems facing African researchers. It is very difficult to publish articles from Africa for some reasons, mainly because of the poor quality of some articles. However, I suspect that many Western reviewers are not free from prejudice and do not take the time to examine submitted articles and reject them. The situation is quite pitiful and, as the authors tend to explain, is linked to the colonial past of the African continent. Otherwise, how then can we explain that the same article is rejected when submitted with an African address and accepted when the address changes to a British one?

However, we need more data to test the hypothesis and assess the correlation between article rejection rates and being African or living in Africa before drawing such a conclusion.

I know many African researchers who are published in top academic journals, despite living in Africa and submitting their articles with their African address and affiliation.

The study is somehow limited and the facts underlying the study conclusion are not statistically significant.