

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

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General comments

1. The paper is on an important aspect of access to quality health care. This is very important for a country like Kenya that is focused on achieving universal health care. Notably, Kisumu County, where the teaching hospital in this study is located is one of those counties that were piloted for the trial of universal health care.
2. The Abstract is well formatted and captures the content in the entire paper accurately and appropriately

Specific comments

1. The tools use for the classification of medicines and quantification of expenditure on them are great. This is so mainly because the authors have used three different tools thus harnessing the advantages of each.
2. **Methods – Ethical Considerations** - Under this section, it is stated that KNH/UoN ERC and JOOTRH IREC were consulted. It is therefore not clear whether the ethical approval was sought and obtained from the committees or they were merely consulted. Also, which particular committee gave the ethical approval, if any?
3. The study design and site are well stated. Data collection techniques and procedures were also properly stated.
4. **Data analysis.** The opening statement in this section 'Ten drugs were used to pretest the data collection form' can easily cause confusion. This is because it appears as if the drugs were use in the process of testing something. I suggest the authors state that 'pretesting of the data collection tool was done using information on ten drugs....'
5. The results and discussion sections are well presented
6. **Limitations** – on the last line of this section, the word **voracity** is used. Did the authors intend to write the word **veracity** instead or is the word voracity a synonym of the word veracity?

Overall comment

The study is well done and reported and reflects a high degree of academic rigor. I therefore recommend this paper for publication subject to addressing the comments