

Review of: "Health Outcome and Economic Growth: The Case of Malaria in Nigeria"

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Review

The work is insightful and contributes to the body of knowledge in research.

The mastery of the scientific language is impressive, making the piece of work an interesting read

The literature review is informative and has been well researched by the researchers

The results section has been well presented, making it easy to relate and contextualize

Areas of improvement

Abstract

The abstract can be written in a clearer way by stating clearly 1) Background: the context (Nigeria's health and economic status) and purpose of the study; 2) Method: how the study was performed and statistical tests used; 3) Results: the main findings; and 4) Conclusion: a brief summary and potential implications.

Introduction

Background: The background/introduction section should be written from the standpoint of researchers without specialist knowledge in that area and must clearly state - and justify why the selected country (Nigeria) is connected with the background to the research and its aims.

This should be backed by a summary of a search of the literature to indicate why this study was necessary, particularly in Nigeria, and what it aimed to contribute to the field. The section should end with a very brief statement of what is being reported in the article. The research question or objectives of the study (which in this case is not well articulated or is conspicuously missing in the introduction section)

Literature Review

The section is well written, but I wonder if it is part of the introduction; the section makes the paper read like an academic thesis.

If this is a research publication, it needs to be integrated into the introduction section. Reading through it paints a clear picture of the problem statement and justifies why the study is necessary.

PG 4 (1ST, 3RD, and 4th) paragraphs need to be referenced.

The theories stated need to clearly show the correlation between health outcomes and economic growth: the presentation is too general. It's imperative to articulate how they contribute towards the building of the case in point. (In

reference to Nigeria)

Pg 6 – Paragraph 3, third sentence needs to be properly referenced.

Pg 8 – Paragraph 2 and 3 clearly describe the problem statement; it would be advisable if they were moved to the introduction section.

Method The design of the study has not been well stated. Help the reader understand if this was an original research study using secondary data, or if it is a systematic review. Please make this clear to avoid doubt and guesswork.

The type of analysis used has been well stated.

The results section can be further strengthened by clearly stating 1) strengths and weaknesses of the study; 2) strengths and weaknesses in relation to other studies; 3) discussion of important differences in results; 4) meaning of the study; 5) unanswered questions and future research.