

Review of: "A Prospective Study on Direct Out-of-Pocket Expenses of Hospitalized Patients with Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in a Philippine tertiary care center"

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In advance, I think it is an interesting topic, but some considerations must be taken into account, such as: the value of the Philippine currency can also be described in dollars in order to obtain a comparison with other countries. The purpose of the study can be confused if the out-of-pocket expenses are not differentiated with the economic burden, regarding the methodology in the inclusion criteria they refer to being patients over 19 years of age and in the results they present 3 in this category, which It can cause a selection bias because the prevalence of this pathology occurs in people over 40 years of age. If they consider leaving this category, they should explain something about Alpha 1-antitrypsin to be clear.