

# Review of: "Auditing the Cost of Treating Hypertension in a Tertiary Health Facility in Yobe State, North-Eastern Nigeria"

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The research topic is very important, and the papers give a lot of information too. However, I suggest the following improvements in the paper.

1- Contextualise the paper in terms of the health system and health expenditure divided between public, private, insurance, and/or employer-provided health benefits. Then it would be easier to understand the economic burden of treating hypertension. Therefore, explain the health system, sources of treatment, and reasons for not taking treatment in the paper.

2- Further, the income level and status of the disease, whether the person is co-morbid, will bring clarity to prescribed medicines and the costing of the medicines. Because the variation in cost can come because of affordability and ease of spending, or other sources of funding available, therefore first explain the status and number of morbidities followed by parameters of affordability, such as income level, co-payment, or other payment options available, etc.

3- Further, age and gender are very important factors that affect the source of treatment and expenditure.

4- Please clarify whether the blood pressure control is self-reported or clinically tested results.

Setting up these contexts can lead to better triangulation of results and conclusions.