

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

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This revised version reads much better. The article is bringing out specific challenges on health comparing the global north and Africa. Some considerations for the authors to consider as they finalise.

abstract:

the abstract seems to be focused on the NHS and only the last sentence is touching on the content of the article.

Background

This very clear now. it might be helpful to have a sentence or two on defining colonisation/decolonisation in the context of the article. My impression is that it is more of discrimination, exploitation of HWs than just simply colonisation even when discussing the academic challenges which are valid and evidence based. The only time decolonisation/colonisation argument seems directly applicable is in the clinical /educational materials/approaches.

workforce

well documented figures on migration into the UK by Africans and the real issues of discrimination and exploitation that need addressing. this issue I believe is more complex than portrayed here including the aspect of sending countries inability to retain their health workers after training them.

changing clinical priorities and practice

This section is interesting showing effort of true collaboration with Tanzania by the team.

The only clarification is for authors to confirm that they have been part of the RCP and ECSACoP as well vis a vis the background content

The first sentence of the third paragraph on page 5 starting with "we African physicians ..." is it referring to the authors or generalised to those who have/are involved in the initiatives?

academic challenges

An interesting and important piece bringing out the issue of discrimination against African academics/researchers with some evidence not just by the UK but the global north; and also showing how things can be done differently .

future priorities

Also, well written section with some concrete suggestions. maybe a sentence on how the UK can lead the change as an influencer within the global north maybe helpful as their are many players on the scene

final comment is on the title of the article for consideration. Since the authors major experience is in Tanzania, could they consider reviewing it and add "an experience of Tanzania?"