

Review of: "Exploring the Factors Aggravating Disease Transmission in Healthcare Environments: Strategies for Mitigation"

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There were the following notes about this paper:

- * The authors tried to collect data from recent articles about problems and solutions of IPC (Infection Prevention and Control) in certain locations in the healthcare setting. However, the methodology of the data gathering through literature was unclear.
- * Nowadays, the most problematic microbes in healthcare settings are MDR/XDR gram-negative bacilli such as Klebsiella, but no names of these microbes were in this paper. The issue was mostly around hepatitis, AIDS, COVID-19, influenza, etc.
- * Some important missing locations were Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and immunodeficiency wards (such as transplants or hematology-oncology).
- * It would be better if the authors considered the WHO IPC Assessment Framework (IPCAF) at <https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/330072/WHO-HIS-SDS-2018.9-eng.pdf> and structured the paper based on it.
- * The IPC principles stated were well-known and limited; therefore, this paper might have no new content for some international readers.
- * When the topic is related to IPC, it is desirable to have an infectious disease specialist or IPC fellowship on the writing team.

Regards;