

# Review of: "Procurement Planning & the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC)"

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With focus on the manuscript content, I would like to provide suggestions to the authors, to consider improving the Conceptual Framework provided in Figure 1. Governance in health systems and in public institutions is an important driver of efficiency and effectiveness (Nabyonga-Orem, et al., 2023). Additionally, carrying out procurement implementation requires a well-established risk management function (AlQubaisi and Emran, 2022; Muinde et al, 2020). In my suggestion, the two functions – governance and risk management will form an organizational environment in which effective implementation of an Annual Procurement Plan in the RBC will take place and produce an outstanding performance.

Section "4.2 Discussion of Findings" lacks back up of relevant literature to back-up the findings. I suggest to the authors to ensure that this section is discussed with comparison with findings from other studies as much as possible. For example, studies by Mgawe and Kiwango (2023); & Chagalima and Mwaiseje (2021). Also, the mediating role of procurement skills in ensuring proper procurement planning deserves a mention in this paper (Chagalima& Mdee, 2023).

In concluding my review comments, I would like to draw attention of the authors to a minor editorial aspect as follows. After abbreviating the Rwanda Biomedical Centre (RBC) in the first sentence of the "Introduction" section, it is a good practice now to use its abbreviation in all other paragraphs where it is mentioned. However, this has not been the case as there are mixture of using RBC and in some places using the long form "Rwanda Biomedical Centre". Therefore, I suggest to the authors to ensure that they replace the long form with the abbreviation RBC as appropriate.

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