

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

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The manuscript deals with a very important topic on which, in light of the entire historical context, it is necessary to reflect. In particular it describes how the UK healthcare system has an impact on the healthcare problems of the Commonwealth countries, in particular Tanzania, proposing solutions to try to bridge disparities between high- and low-income countries. The manuscript is well written and allows the reader to have a clear idea of the situation. However, in the reviewer's opinion, it is necessary to include an additional reflection. When talking about the adequacy of healthcare services, we cannot fail to take into consideration the aspect of medical devices, that play a crucial role in each step of patient's outcome (diagnosis as well as treatment, alleviation of disability etc.). The supply chain of medical devices in sub-saharan country is really scarce making healthcare facilities (both private and public) depending from big companies from european, us or chinese market. This problem causes on the one hand an increase in costs because the structure also has to pay for additional expenses such as long distance shipments or customs duties and on the other hand also difficulties in repairing broken devices due to the absence of on-site assistance support or spare parts. In addition, in contexts with limited resources, such as healthcare facilities in rural areas, these machines, although safe and effective, do not adequately match the limitations (e.g. power fluctuations, dust, excessive temperature and humidity) that are very often present in these structures. In this context, another approach/suggestion to include in the dissertation could be to somehow stimulate the local manufacturing of context-based medical devices in order to reverse the trend of dependence.