

# Review of: "An Analysis of Pharmaceutical Inventory Management at a Leading Teaching and Referral Hospital in Kenya"

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The background provides a comprehensive overview of the importance of cost-effective essential medicines in the developing world and the challenges in ensuring their availability and affordability. However, to make the background more informative and actionable, the following suggestions can be considered:

1. Provide more specific examples of essential medicines and their impact on treating diseases in the developing world. This can help readers understand the importance of essential medicines and their role in improving health outcomes.
2. Include more information on the barriers to accessing essential medicines in the developing world, such as regulatory issues, lack of funding, and inadequate healthcare infrastructure. This can help readers understand the root causes of the problem and identify potential solutions.
3. Provide more details on the research findings on the availability of essential medicines in different countries and regions. This can help readers understand the scope of the problem and identify potential areas for improvement.
4. Provide more information on the innovative approaches and best practices for improving access to essential medicines in the developing world. This can help readers understand the potential solutions and identify ways to implement them in their own contexts.
5. Provide more information on the role of different stakeholders, such as governments, healthcare providers, and pharmaceutical companies, in improving access to essential medicines. This can help readers understand the importance of collaboration and identify potential partners for implementing solutions.

regarding the method, here are some points need to be explained:

1. Provide more information on the specific ethical considerations that were taken into account, such as informed consent procedures, data protection measures, and potential conflicts of interest. This can help ensure transparency and ethical rigor in the study.
2. Clarify the rationale for choosing a retrospective longitudinal study design. Explain why this design was appropriate for addressing the research objectives and how it allowed for the analysis of trends over time.
3. Provide more details on the data collection process, including the specific procedures used to collect consumption data from bin cards and expenditure data from invoices. This can help readers understand the reliability and validity of the data collected.

4. Consider providing more information on the WHO Data Collection Form for ABC, TC, and VEN analysis. Describe how these forms were used and what specific information was collected. This can help readers understand the methodology and ensure reproducibility.