

Review of: "The Plight of Rare Diseases in Southern Africa: Health and Social Services Policy Recommendations"

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1. Graphical abstract: There is no source citation on the Graphical abstract. Who is responsible for the original document once there is citation on the global perspective.
2. It is necessary to indicate the source on the idea where rare disease is known as orphan disease. This is important to clarify, because there are a rich discussion around the well known linkage between rare disease and orphan drug.
3. "most of which have a genetic origin (EURORDIS, n.d.; ORPHANET, 2012)" it is important clarify, or mention, the hereditary character. Because in the abstract it is mention just the that second aspect.
4. There is a gap which is necessary to cover. Before a highlights about rare disease's problems and how countries are facing it, or not, the authors just show their understandings about what is good for the field. But there is no a debate with other countries or, at least, examples about that where policies are already righten. Brazil, Australia, Latin America are working on the field and has their own plans. A mention about the basis of their proposal will make the paper richier than the original.