

# Review of: "Health Outcome and Economic Growth: The Case of Malaria in Nigeria"

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I like the methods

But:

Main comment: the (apparent) negative impact of CHE on growth could be due to unobserved variations in the burden of diseases, which both create healthcare spending and weaken growth. This could be the case even in the long run. The authors only controlled for malaria. All the other "epidemics" are omitted variables.

Minor:

I would prefer "post-estimation test" rather than "post diagnostic results"

The term "multiplier effect" for malaria in section V is not clear.