

# Review of: "Arthritis in East Africa: An Observational Study"

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This is a welcome study and the authors are to be commended for this significant contribution to awareness of the pattern of musculoskeletal disorders in Africa and the need for urgent action by African health care policy makers. This article identifies the burden of these musculoskeletal disorders to individuals as well as to society. Hopefully, this article will assist in the drive to ensure that low cost management strategies are developed and delivered for these conditions. A couple of minor points. Were musculoskeletal problems associated with tropical infections such as TB or even HIV present in the population studied. Also, did the authors find that a raised ESR was more likely to be associated with chronic parasitaemia. Well done to the authors!