

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

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Many authors from Tanzania that is not a member of SADC.

SADC in Abstract: meaning in second paragraph not third.

We can prevent some rare diseases not only diagnose and treat. Mention it every time.

Some diseases will be rare in SSA and rather common in other parts of the world. Or the opposite. We need to take that into account. For example: sickle cell disease.

There is an issue on stigma for patients with a rare disease in SSA (Social problem).

Clinical trials represent no diversity in participants, only white Caucasian participants.

There are many initiatives on palliative care in SSA (Social issue). Mention this.

Reference: <https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fphar.2021.770640/full>

Add list of abbreviations: AIDS, EU, MoHs, TB, RD.

Excellent language. Nice graphics.