

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

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The study looks into the relationship between health outcomes and economic growth, with a specific focus on the impact of malaria on economic growth in Nigeria. The study argues that there is an interconnection between health outcomes and economic growth. I have a few major comments for this study, mainly that:

Major comments

- It is not clear if the study is a literature review or a research article?
- The study did not synthesize or summarize the reviewed literature, and it is not clear what the new argument is made by the study in view of the reviewed literature.
- The structure of the paper is poorly organized, and normally research articles should follow the IMRaD structure.
- The title of the paper does not link well with the main objective or the methodology followed by the study.
- Health outcome was used as an explanatory variable in the model, yet the title suggests that health outcome is the dependent variable.
- The study is therefore looking at the effect of health on economic growth, and the marginal probability of this effect must be well quantified in the analysis among the other contributor variables in the model.
- It would have been more informative to quantify the overall burden of the disease in relation to economic growth in Nigeria rather than merely looking at malaria incidence as a proxy for health outcomes.

Minor comments

- Express the expenditure in US Dollars rather than only Nigerian Naira.