

# Review of: "A Prospective Study on Direct Out-of-Pocket Expenses of Hospitalized Patients with Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease in a Philippine tertiary care center"

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This is important topic to investigate the out-of-pocket expenses among hospitalized patients with acute COPD. However, some critical issues reduce the readability of this manuscript.

1. The detailed objective of this study should be further clarified.
2. The most critical issue is that the sample size is too small to guarantee the power of this study. The statistical estimate of minimal sample size for this study should be provided.
3. Definitions of charity and private hospitals should be provided. And why the authors attempted to compare the difference between charity and private hospitals should be provided in the manuscript.
4. Discussion Section just simply duplicated the significance of the study. A deeper Discussion based on the Results in this study is appreciated.