

Review of: "Treading the Thin Line Between Health Ethics and Patient Care in the Application of Telemedicine: The Case of Sound Ethical Guidelines in Telemedicine in Sub-Saharan Africa"

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First of all, thank you for considering me as a reviewer for this article. This is a well-written manuscript about an important and emerging issue. The authors clearly explained the background of telemedicine and also described the four principles of biomedical ethics.

However, I'm afraid that they undermined the application of these ethical principles in telemedicine. I propose that the authors mention some specific features of telemedicine and explain how the ethical principles would work in that situation. Furthermore, I think that although the authors based their ethical analysis on the four-principle approach, they could consider other ethical approaches in biomedicine, such as care ethics, which may have great impacts on some aspects of telemedicine, such as the physician-patient relationship.

In addition, I prefer to know much more about the state of using telemedicine in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Another issue I would like to mention is that the conclusion of the manuscript needs some revision because the ethical aspect of some issues, such as AI and big data in medicine, is different from the mentioned ethical issues of telemedicine.

I think considering the above-mentioned points will add to this valuable article.