

Review of: "Assessing the financial impact of physician selfreferral on patients and how they cope with payment in Southeast Nigeria"

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It's a very important and interesting topic. However, I still have some doubts on the validity of the results. The authors mainly conducted a descriptive statistics and t-test analysis. It's not so convincing because there might exist differences in demographic, economic or health conditions between patients who got referred and those who were not referred. This condition has not been considered in this paper. Thus, establishing a multiple regression model may be a better choice in data analysis.

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