

# Review of: "Digitalization of research: do ICT improve scientific production in developing countries?"

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The paper dealt with the relation between scientific output performance and ICT penetration. It hypothesizes and demonstrates, based on an economic model, that ICTs facilitate research communication and output. I have some minor comments on the text as expressed below:

- 1) The paper cited Unesco (2016) four times, but I could not find this reference in the references list.
- 2) The authors asserted that "in many African countries, the recruitment and promotion of researchers is often based on criteria that are not necessarily based on research performance," but they gave no reference.
- 3) The authors asserted that developing countries have experienced a rapid growth in ICT penetration. I would invite them to give some data and references.