

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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It's an interesting study on direct out-of-pocket expenses of hospitalized patients with acute exacerbation of COPD in Philippine. However, there are several flaws in this article.

Firstly, this study contained a small number of hospitalized patients with acute exacerbation of COPD, and multivariable regression analysis was not conducted in this study.

Secondly, the authors should explain the reason for cut-off value selection in "hospital stay of >9 days", and "hospitalization cost of > 20,000 pesos".

Thirdly, a structured method section is usually necessary in articles.