

Review of: "The Plight of Rare Diseases in Southern Africa: Health and Social Services Policy Recommendations"

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Thanks for inviting me as a reviewer for this outstanding paper.

The manuscript is well structured; the topic is novel and there is little to no grammatical errors, kudos to all the authors of the manuscript.

However, I have some suggestions to improve the integrity of the manuscript

Firstly, the abstract is well written and structured but it is very long, I will suggest the authors summarize the written abstract in 250 words or less.

The authors should expanciate and add more points on how the "Adoption of a common definition of a rare disease" can have a positive impact on the management of rare diseases in the SADC region

Additionally, I suggest citing papers talking about the Establishment of special rare diseases departments in other regions in Africa and in the world to make the paragraph well structured.