

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

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This article is based on collection and analysis of primary data from the patients who first visited a public hospital and then referred to a private facility. The objective is to measure the impact of the referral on the finances of the patients. The analysis has been performed using Wilcoxon Signed Rank test. The recommendations are as follows:

- A section on literature review should be provided to support the proposed research gap.
- Current literature needs to be updated. Please add latest references to support the research gap.
- Please clarify properly the assumptions that are new in the problem definition.
- Add some reference(s) for the statistical test utilized in the study.
- Figure 1 should be replaced with a better one.
- Findings, limitations, and recommendations of this article can be discussed more in the conclusion section. Add some future research directions in conclusion section.