

Review of: "Decolonisation of Health in East Africa: Opinion Piece"

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This is an important topic, particularly coming from UK partnership with Kenyan Health care researchers. The text alludes to but does not state explicitly some of the underpinnings of ongoing colonialism in the UK health service which are largely economic: Pay for health care providers in the UK system is less attractive to persons trained in that system who can move elsewhere while more attractive to health care providers in Africa to whom the UK gives an open door, different from the USA. Hence the brain drain continues.

In the email, the authors listed began with Said, while in the preprint, Kelly is listed first. This is curious, particularly given the discussion of authorship as a focal point of equity. Humility and reverse discrimination. Why was this done? Another form of colonialism is to allow the Northern voice to set the agenda, and have the first word. Is that what has happened here? The voice of the author in the second sentence of FUTURE PRIORITIES. also reveals this, referring to Africans in third person (their term and their own environments). If the authors are diverse and representative, this subtle clue would not be given.

Explain the photos, particularly the one showing a large group of white faces under African shade trees. Why are they in that setting? Why so predominately Northern looking?

What are "ethically matched controls"?

How was covid-19 an African epidemic? Although vaccine distribution was inequitable, arriving later in Africa than Europe and the USA, the rate of serious illness and death in many parts of Africa lagged behind that publicized elsewhere.

The section on neurodivergent minorities and equity, while thought provoking, is not directly linked to decolonialism other than as a gloss of a larger growing awareness of inequitable opportunity. It serves to dilute and detract attention from the topic at hand and should be eliminated and moved to a separate piece.