

Review of: "Comparing the cost of non-metastatic breast cancer care in a low-income vs a high-income country: A plea for an optimal allocation of health resources in Sub-Saharan Africa"

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An interesting theme, knowing that breast cancer is a real public health problem in the world, especially in low- and middle-income countries where mortality is highest. Congratulations to the authors of this work!

Our remarks and suggestions concern the following points:

- It is stated in the article that Mozambique and Portugal have Universal Health Coverage (UHC): what is included in this UHC? long-term care? total coverage?

It would therefore be interesting to study direct patient payments (the out-of-pocket), the OOP could be one of the important factors that would explain this cost difference between these countries. We all know that the OOP, especially in low- and middle-income countries, is often high and patients are often not able to afford them, which influences treatment decisions.

- It would be interesting for the authors to underline the limitations of their study:

First, with regard to generalization, the reality of Mozambique might not be the reality of the rest of Sub-Saharan Africa, it might be better or worse elsewhere.

Second, the large difference between the samples compared could introduce bias when comparing indicators.

It would also be interesting to enrich the discussion by comparisons with the results of studies carried out in other countries, both developed and developing.