

Peer Review Report

Review Report on The Risk of Accessing Care is Becoming Far Greater Than the Lack of Access to Care: A Narrative

Review, Public Health Rev

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EVALUATION

Q 1 Please summarize the main theme of the review.

The manuscript addresses a critical global health issue by comparing mortality rates resulting from limited access to care and poor-quality care. This topic is highly relevant, particularly in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), where efforts to improve healthcare access have progressed. Yet, significant challenges remain in ensuring the quality and safety of care.

Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

The manuscript's strengths lie in its timely focus on a critical global health issue, credible use of reputable data sources, and comprehensive examination of mortality trends related to healthcare access and quality. However, its limitations include methodological gaps, the need for more data visualization, and a lack of actionable, evidence-based recommendations for addressing the highlighted challenges.

Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors, structured in major and minor comments.

Thank you for submitting your manuscript to our journal.

This fascinating and important topic addresses a critical global health issue, particularly in the context of LMICs and its relevance to policymakers and global organizations.

The manuscript is well-written, comprehensive, and methodologically robust.

However, I have a few suggestions to enhance its transparency and overall impact:

- 1- Clarify the search strategy by specifying the inclusion/exclusion criteria, search terms, and how data were selected and analyzed to improve replicability and applicability.
- 2- Include a quality assessment of the included sources to ensure rigour and strengthen the credibility of the findings.
- 3- Enhance data visualization by adding a line graph or other visual representation to complement Table 1 and better illustrate mortality trends.
- 4- Expand the discussion to explore the underlying causes of poor-quality care and address regional variations or disparities where these issues are more pronounced.
- 5- Propose more evidence-based solutions or actionable recommendations for policymakers to address the dual challenges of healthcare access and quality.

Thank you again for your submission. I hope these suggestions are helpful and wish you success in having your manuscript published.

PLEASE COMMENT

Q 4 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?

Yes, the reference list adequately covers the relevant literature and provides a comprehensive and unbiased overview of the topic.

Q 5 Does this manuscript refer only to published data? (unpublished data is not allowed for Reviews)

Yes.

Q 6 Does the manuscript cover the issue in an objective and analytical manner

Yes.

Q 7 Was a review on the issue published in the past 12 months?

Yes.

Q 8 Does the review have international or global implications?

Yes, the review has clear international and global implications.

Q 9 Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

Yes, it is very appropriate, concise and attractive.

Q 10 Are the keywords appropriate?

Yes. It is.

Q 11 Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes, it is.

Q 12 Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Q 13 Quality of generalization and summary



Q 14 Significance to the field



Q 15 Interest to a general audience



Q 16 → Quality of the writing



REVISION LEVEL

Q 17 → Please take a decision based on your comments:

Minor revisions.