**Reviewer's report**

**Title:** An evaluation of a morphine public health programme for cancer and AIDS pain relief in Sub-Saharan Africa

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**Reviewer:** Liliana De Lima

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1. In Background section, include barriers in the laws and regulations in Uganda (are there any limits to the number of days that MDs are allowed to prescribe potent opioids? are there any limits to the dosage amount? are there limits to the number of doses that MDs are allowed to prescribe? are MDs allowed to prescribe morphine for home use?)

2. In the phrase (Background section): "In 1998, following several years of lobbying...and safety of using morphine for chronic pain in the community." Clarify if this is pain due to Cancer, AIDS or non malignant pain. The use of opioids in chronic non malignant pain requires a different approach and more safety controls.

3. In the background section, include data on the consumption of morphine in Uganda, as presented by the INCB (DDDs) or in mg/capita.

4. In the Results section include a table showing the main concerns, myths, barriers that were identified in the three data collection methods.

5. In the Results section describe the differenc between Class A and other types or follow the WHO standard of scheduling: I, II, III and IV.

**What next?:** Accept after minor essential revisions

**Level of interest:** An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** No

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.