Reviewer's report

Title: Diagnoses from lung specimen collected through flexible bronchoscopy from patients in a tertiary hospital in Dar es Salaam Tanzania: A retrospective cross-sectional study

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Reviewer: Donald Lazarus

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This paper is an interesting report summarizing the findings and trends of a newly-established bronchoscopy program in a referral center in Tanzania. The authors report the institution's experience establishing a formal bronchoscopy program after having staff undergo formal training. They clearly describe the trend of growth in volume of the program. They report the most common indications for bronchoscopy, diagnoses obtained via bronchoscopy, and sampling techniques utilized. It is encouraging to see institutions gaining access to bronchoscopy for their patients and thereby extending their diagnostic reach. This is to my knowledge the first report describing the frequency of indications for bronchoscopy in Tanzania as well as the diagnoses obtained and techniques used. This sort of epidemiologic data is very useful, particularly to other institutions in the region that are considering the development of their own bronchscopy programs. My prior comments about clarity of statistics and methods, focusing discussion on findings particular to the region, and medical editing have all been addressed.

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