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Methodological Evaluation of District Hospitals Systems in Tanzania Using Bayesian Hierarchical Models for Efficiency Gains

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Abstract

District hospitals in Tanzania play a crucial role in providing healthcare services to underserved populations. However, their efficiency and performance remain poorly understood. The review employed systematic methods to identify and analyse relevant studies from various databases. A focus was placed on methodologies that could enhance understanding of hospital performance. A specific Bayesian hierarchical model demonstrated significant potential in accurately estimating district hospital efficiencies, particularly in terms of resource allocation and service delivery efficiency. Bayesian hierarchical models offer a robust framework for evaluating healthcare system performance, providing insights into how resources can be better allocated to improve outcomes. The findings suggest that further research should focus on validating these methods across different regions and contexts in Tanzania. District hospitals, Efficiency gains, Bayesian Hierarchical Models, Resource allocation, Healthcare systems Treatment effect was estimated with $text\{logit\}(\pi)=beta\,0+\vec{\beta}\ p\,X_i$, and uncertainty reported using confidence-interval based inference.

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