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CLASSIFICATION	LANGUAGE EVALUATION	RECOMMENDATION	CONCLUSION
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C (Good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: a great deal of language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input type="checkbox"/> Rejection
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D (Fair)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: rejected	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Major revision

COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

The paper details important public health and drug safety issues. The analysis of multiple related issues on global health is insightful. However, there are several major weaknesses. First, the paper is too lengthy. The definitions of orphan drugs should be noted in the introductory section. Second, no methodological issues or analytic approaches to the complex problem of Orphan Drugs are presented. Third, the authors should discuss how scientific approaches can be designed and conducted in the future research on global health issues. Overall, it is an informative paper but it offers little to understand how the analytical or methodological approaches to the issues should be addressed.



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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Formatting: It is typical to submit manuscripts double-spaced to make it easier for reviewers to read and comment. I'm not sure why the authors haven't done this. Also, page numbers should be included in any submission, for the same reason. Finally, the overall structure of the manuscript is questionable. The major topics and headings aren't structured in a way that allows me to see a natural "flow" of ideas in the manuscript. English: The English is not always bad. However, there are grammatical problems throughout the manuscript. Furthermore, the manuscript is packed with sentences that are tortuous and unclear, such as: "A further obstacle in the supply of new drugs in the developing countries is the high cost due to the drug monopolies implemented by world trade laws, which mostly benefit multinational pharmaceutical companies, which are based in the developed countries [14]." What exactly the authors mean here, or in numerous other sentences, is really beyond me (and will be beyond many of the Journal's readers). Although a more minor point, the authors use the term "etc" much too often. Overall, I found the language and structure of this manuscript absolutely dreadful. Abstract: The abstract should be a brief synopsis of the authors' aims, methods, results and/or conclusions. This abstract is more of a hodge-podge of facts and figures, many of which are not clear (for example, are the authors referring to ANNUAL deaths or what?). I suggest a re-write of the entire abstract. Introduction: There is no clear introduction here, in my opinion. The introduction should be a brief summary of a problem or issue from a historical context, followed by a brief statement regarding what the authors are seeking address in their paper. Instead, this introduction is 6 pages (if double-spaced) of what appears to be



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rambling sentences (including the one quoted above). New outlook of health issues affecting morbidity and mortality worldwide: This section seems like more desultory rambling, from topic to topic without integration, depth or insight. What is “new” about the outlook here? Because this wasn’t outlined properly, and given the writing in general, it was impossible for me to tell. Subsequent sections: The subsequent sections were equally difficult for me to follow. The conclusion is a series of statements and recommendations that do follow from the previous text, which is notably difficult to read. However, it seemed to me that the authors did not shed much light on the complexity of the global problems and I was not left with a clear sense of how specific, how practical, and how useful the authors’ suggestions may be. Review Summary: This manuscript is very difficult to read due to problems with English, manuscript structure, and formatting. It would be wise, I think, for the authors to re-structure and re-write the manuscript, paying much closer attention to what they wish to say and how to say it succinctly and without the tremendous amount of dogma that the current manuscript contains.



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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A (Excellent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority Publishing	Google Search:	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept
<input type="checkbox"/> Grade B (Very good)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: minor language polishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> High priority for publication
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<input type="checkbox"/> Grade E (Poor)		<input type="checkbox"/> Existed	<input type="checkbox"/> Major revision
		<input type="checkbox"/> No records	

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1. The article addresses an important topic. 2. The introduction is too lengthy. The introduction need reorganization covering under the headings of the main review. 3. It is suggested that / research issues/community issues / programmatic issues/ policy issues (national and international)/organizational issues could be addressed under different headings 4. The authors need to use updated data (for example,Table 1 gives data for 2006,which can be revised with recent information.