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Title: Recrudescence of Gandhian health- from patient centred to patient led  
  
Importance of the paper: The authors have argued for extending the idea of ‘social prescription’ (used for helping mental health patients in their recovery) to universal health care as an alternative to Right to Health approach.  
  
           Does it address issues relevant to the fields of medical ethics and bioethics in India and the developing countries?

No; it does not address or discuss any ethical issues. The authors have not discussed the relevance of their approach to any of the health issues in India or of any developing country.  
  
Is it topical?

Social prescribing is being discussed in the western countries among mental health care professionals but not in other sectors of health care to which the authors intend to apply this concept.  
  
           Is the issue discussed from another country's/culture perspective?  
  
           Will it influence practice or policy? Not in any way that can be thought of.  
  
           Is it too specialized for the journal? On the contrary, it lacks in-depth discussion of health care issues.  
  
  
Originality  
  
           Is the information /comment new? Their plea that ‘shifting the focus from rights to duties will change the health care system into patient-led from being patient-centred’ is new but the paper does not substantiate or explain how?

Conclusions  
           Is the interpretation warranted, unwarranted, well developed?  
  
           Does the article contain loose generalisations?  
  
           Are there any important omissions?

While arguing for shift of focus from rights to duties the authors do not address the structural issues (poverty, disparities and lack of access to affordable health care) responsible for poor health status of large populations in developing countries. The paper is good as a general newspaper article since it throws open a new idea that is not yet fully developed nor substantiated in the paper.  
  
Other comments

Recommendation  
  
Accept as is;

**No. The paper is not suitable for publication in IJME.**  
  
Accept with modifications (specify) ------------ No  
- style  
  
- substance  
  
  
Separate comments for the author:

The authors need to do more work even at the conceptual level to develop the idea on how application of the principle of ‘social prescribing’ would address the health issues in developing countries lacking affordable health-care for the poor. It is too early to prescribe it as an alternative to Right to Health approach.

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