

Review of: "Selection of an engineering institution: Students' perceptions of choice characteristics and suitability under the COVID-19 pandemic"

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The manuscript is an interesting topic. Following is my suggestions.

1. The paper has to be shortened in length, as it is now too long. I think that the descriptions of the variables and attributes are very lengthy. For example, para 2.2
 2. The findings and considerations presented on page 1 are rather brief.
 3. The authors conducted a review of a number of relevant literatures; might this evaluation be limited to the most recent five to seven years, given the rapid pace of change in characteristics of the EIs, education delivery, and in order to take into account the preferences and experiences of more recent studies
 4. Is it possible that the preference of students for the institution shifts depending on the Faculty Profile? This question needs to be asked prior to the student enrolling in the educational program at the establishment.
 5. The framework in Figure 1 and the construct itself are both highly difficult to understand and same with the analysis.
 6. The research gap, paragraph 2.5, as well as the results and conclusion, need to be put together so that it can be determined specifically what existed prior to the Covid 19 pandemic and what occurred during it. As a result, the preferences in terms of choice can be easily determined both before and during / after Covid 19.
- In general, I had the impression that the construct could be reduced while still accurately identifying the changes.
- Finally, I would like to thank the authors for their great deal of effort and bringing out a paper on this interesting topic.