

Review of: "Public health efficiency and well-being in Italian provinces"

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The aim of the paper is to select a set of indicators suitable for evaluating public health efficiency and well-being in Italian provinces. In my opinion, this goal has been achieved, but the text needs to be refined.

My main doubt concerns the definition of well-being. In psychology, well-being is defined and described in two ways: as a hedonistic, subjective experience of pleasure or as a eudaimonistic feeling accompanying the realization of human potential. The eudaimonistic approach does not diagnose well-being at a given moment, as a certain effect or some reaction to reality. Instead, it is treated as a stable feature of a person.

What approach has been taken here?

In my opinion, the definitions of well-being cited in the introduction are quite accidental and disordered. The cited literature is also quite old.

In case of measures, "The provincial index of well-being (PIW)" is questionable. The featured tool is QUARS? what is "The provincial index of well-being (PIW)"? I did not find it in cited: Segre, E., Rondinella, T., & Mascherini, M. (2011). Well-being in Italian regions. measures, civil society consultation and evidence. Social indicators research, 102(1), 47–69.

The text is too long, and at the same time there is no discussion and recommendations, which should be the most significant part of the article.