

# Review of: "Impact of COVID-19 on imports of medical products: A panel data approach"

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## Comments:

1. Please modify the abstract and create subsections, such as background, objective, methods, findings, and conclusion.
2. In your research aim, you tried to tell us what your objective is. You mentioned,

"The study seeks to answer the following questions:

Do imports of each of the essential medical products needed to combat the pandemic depend on the same factors?

Are extra-EU suppliers at a disadvantage compared to intra-EU suppliers?

Has there been a significant change in 2020 compared to previous years in imports of medical products classified as essential?

Are imports of medical products price sensitive?

But, these are your research questions, and they should be placed in a separate section. Rather in the aim, please shortly describe the goal of the research. What you are going to do, and why this research is important? What helps for future studies?

1. Your literature review section can be improved. You may add similar articles given below:
  - Ahmed, J., Jaman, M.H., **Saha, G.**, & Ghosh, P. (2021). Effect of Environmental and Socio-economic factors on the spreading of COVID-19 at 70 cities/provinces. *Heliyon*, 7(5), 1-8. **ISSN:** 2405-8440. doi: 10.1016/j.heliyon.2021.e06979
  - Saha, M., **Saha, G.**, & Islam, M. (2022). Knowledge, attitude, and practice of Bangladeshi residents during COVID-19 pandemic. *PLOS Global Public Health*, 2 (5), 1-16. doi: 10.1371/journal.pgph.0000407
1. Section 2.2: Conceptual framework, you mentioned, "In the last five years, according to statistical data from Eurostat,..." Need reference.
2. In section 3: Methodology, Equation 1, I think, you used regression analysis, but you did not mention it. What type of regression analysis is used, please mention in the paragraph.
3. I suggest writing a few bullet points in the conclusion section.

4. Overall, the work is well written and presented.