

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

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Dear Authors,

The article explores the changes in the import pattern of medical purchase using panel data approach. The idea is crucial and novel as per my understanding, however, there are certain shortcomings that can be considered before final publication.

1. The article clearly establishes the rise of imports due to COVID-19, however, the objective of the study is still unclear. Author should explain what will be the implications of the findings in the abstract as well as in the introduction. It is a common knowledge that due to pandemic there will be a positive impact on the import of medical products. The authors should identify the implications and discuss it.
2. Authors can contribute to the logistics of medical import. They can identify exporting countries and importing countries and can formulate an ideal cost model for importing countries. For instance, if country A is importing 5 types of medical products then from which country they should import testing kits to minimise the cost.
3. Authors can examine the effect of vaccination on the import. Whether vaccination reduced the import of medical supplies or not?
4. At last, authors should explain the implications of the research more clearly. The implication should be derived from the findings of the study.