

Review of: "Cross-national associations of IQ and infectious diseases: Is the prevalence of Corona an exceptional case?"

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The subject of the article is very original. The methodological procedures are well described, based on secondary documentary sources. It is an extremely complex proposal, with interlevel variables related to each other. Figure 1 can be broken down and explained step by step. There are several submodels within the general model. It is not clear what the response variables are, for example. Simplifying in submodels will help to better understand the idea tested in the regression. Still, the results can be further explored qualitatively, around, for example, the characteristics of society and general culture (power distance, collectivist culture x individualist culture, of Hofstede, for example) of the countries that were the object of analysis. Excellent proposal. Congratulations to the author(s).