

Review of: "When a Cluster Is a Cluster"

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Comment on the article entitled "When a Cluster is a Cluster" by Enzo Grossi

The article deals with the complex matter of cluster identification. The author is specifically concerned with early identification and the context of non-prior information. In my opinion, the scope of this work is fascinating and helpful for different areas of research. However, the misleading structure of the manuscript obscures any intention to arrive at a conclusion. In order to make it easier for the reader, I would suggest the following:

- (a) Make a clear delimitation of the methodological section, the one holding the results that the author wants to emphasize, and the conclusions that the author arrived at.
- (b) Introduce the most relevant equations or procedures concerning the case studies to be analyzed (in the Theoretical or Methodological Section).
- (c) Include worked-out examples (in the Results Section). This is crucial for the understanding of the research.

Besides, I noticed that the author insists on the relevancy of the "fuzzy approach" to the clusters' identification. It would be very interesting if the author gave more details on this procedure.

I stress my opinion on the great potential of this work, and thus, I encourage the author to work on the above suggestions.