

Review of: "Forecasting by Analogy: A Parallel between the Trend of Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths in the Winters of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 in Italy"

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The authors' innovative use of forecast by analogy to predict COVID-19 death rates in Italy for 2023-2024, based on 2022-2023, has the potential to make a unique and valuable contribution to the field. While this approach is a simple and helpful alternative to conventional epidemiological methods, the number of years analyzed and the complex dynamics of COVID-19 did limit its prediction of death cases.

Besides, the title is original and contextualized. The article is well-written and pertinent to scientific writing. However, it would greatly benefit from a comprehensive revision of the English style and level of formality.

I strongly encourage the inclusion of a graphic abstract representing the forecast by analogy in this context. This visual representation could significantly enhance the understanding and impact of your study, especially if it highlights the factors being considered in the analysis.

While the Materials and Methods section is comprehensive, consider transforming the bullet points into tables and condensing the information to focus on describing the techniques and software used. This will further enhance the clarity and accuracy of the information.

Lastly, it would be more attractive to see an article that compares this predictive analogy with real-world data to show the effectiveness of the proposed method. Alternatively, the authors could further review and discuss studies that use forecasts by analogy to enhance the reliability of the study.