

Review of: "Enabling countries to apply behavioural science in using global survey data to inform their Covid-19 policies"

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Overall, I believe the work is of good quality and appropriate for publishing.

Topic. Very relevant and timely contribution to an ongoing global public health problem. This paper's main merits are its cross-disciplinary and trans-continental applicability. It contributes significantly to understanding the continuing and complicated nature of the COVID-19 epidemic. Importantly, this study emphasizes the need of scientifically and theoretically informed remedies to this global catastrophe for me, and I hope for others such as scientists, policymakers, clinicians, and so on. The authors propose the use of a theory-based tool as an effective and cost-effective means of collating and unpacking a rapid influx of behavioral data about the pandemic, in order to assist countries in focusing on relevant contextual issues related to the pandemic, and formulating context-informed actionable recommendations in the context of an evolving COVID-19.

Title. The title reflects the content of the article adequately.

Originality. The work is original and of public health interest.

Introduction/Background. Overall, well written. It provides an overview of relevant existing literature relevant to the study topic.

Aims and objectives is clearly defined and communicated with measurable objectives.

Methodology. The methods and procedure employed in the study is well described.

Data analysis. The data analysis procedure is not explained in this work, which is a shortcoming. This is a crucial part of research that contributes to the study's scientific and ethical rigor. It would also be important to indicate how the researchers dealt with issues of scientific biases.

Results. Are easy to grasp and presented logically. The use of tables with illustrative examples as to how to use the templates is educationally informative and practical for the audience.

Discussion. Discussion is well structured and balanced-flowing well from the results. The implications for practice are discussed, as well as the limits. This paper concludes by discussing the advantages of employing behavioral science theory to foster collaboration across various areas of knowledge and to create insights applicable to rapidly changing and evolving pandemics and other social, health, and environmental issues.

References. The references used in the study is appropriate and relevant.

