

# Review of: "When a Cluster Is a Cluster"

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The author has attempted to discuss how spatial clustering can be useful in disease modeling, emphasizing the utility of non-traditional methods like dot maps in geolocating infectious disease prevalence and managing and controlling new diseases. Much as the author has made a concerted effort to relay their thoughts on the subject, the following are some concerns about the work that should be addressed. In my view, the work is generally below standard and should not be considered for publication until these concerns are addressed.

1. What is the category of this work? Is it original research, a (systematic) review, a brief research report, a perspective, etc.? It is not clear which category the work falls into since it lacks the style and structural form that is mostly desired in all known research article types. Indeed, there are no sections/subsections dedicated to methods, results, discussion, and conclusions.
2. There is very little to no connection between the title, the abstract, and the contents of the article. In addition, the abstract is not well written as it does not capture all the expected structured sections: background, gap, methods, results, and conclusions. In its current form, the abstract largely contains the background information and has also mentioned, albeit unemphatically, the gap being filled.
3. There is no coherence and continuous flow of ideas in the paragraphs. Mostly, the author talks about random and scattered ideas with no clear outline of origin and intended end, with most of the paragraphs being independent. Moreover, the English used in the work and the writing style need to be polished.
4. What type of infectious disease is the work focusing on? The author casually refers to the COVID-19 disease, and at some point, the reader may be led to believe that this is the principal disease being modeled by the author. However, not being categorical about this creates an unnecessary window of guesswork about this important object. The author should address this concern. A starting point could be to include the type of infectious disease in the title, a move that will also help in addressing the concern of the title being so simple and not having any connections with the contents of the article. If the author is writing about all infectious diseases in general, then let it be clear from the outset.