

Review of: "Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Consumption Preferences"

Sendhil R¹

¹ Pondicherry University

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

In this paper, the authors have done a very important and interesting piece of research on the changing consumer preferences in Uganda owing to the pandemic. The following are the comments that need the kind attention of the authors for improvement.

- The introduction section is drafted well and it can be further strengthened by adding the information on changing food preferences like from meat to non-meat, perishables to semi-perishables, and junk to nutritious food with the evidence from the recent literature including the relevant articles from the following special issue:
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/socio-economic-planning-sciences/special-issue/10HHWSTF7ZD>. Further, add the uniqueness of the research and what type of research gap this investigation will fulfil.
- Sampling design has to be explained including the selection of respondents. The study is constrained with the selection of only one village and limited number of respondents (n=70). On what basis, the households were selected?
- Instead of *Population Description* (section 2.2), *Socio-economic profile of the respondents* will sound better.
- There is no explanation for the usage of chi-square statistics. Did the authors use Kruskal-Wallis equality-of-populations rank test to find the level of significance?
- Income and family size are very important variables that influence the consumption behaviour. Why these were ignored?
- A summary statistics pertaining the socio-economic variables shall be presented in the form of a table.
- Table 3 and Figure 5 presents the same information. One of them shall be deleted. Same applies to Table 5 and Figure 6.
- The results section presentation is weak and the results are not corroborated with similar research findings. The next section, i.e., discussion part is well written.
- The conclusion should also contain the limitations of this investigation.
- It is suggested to give the interview schedule as a supplementary file.

I hope the above suggestions will help to improve the quality of the paper and its publication outcome. Best Wishes!