

Peer Review

Review of: "Evolution of Perceived Vulnerability to Infection in Japan During the COVID-19 Pandemic"

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I would like to thank the authors for their responses to my comments. I think they have addressed them adequately by contextualizing the study more relative to other comparable studies and by acknowledging some of the shortcomings of the methodology of this study.

That said, it remains the case that this study has a repeated cross-sectional design whereby changes in responses could be the result of changes in the samples. A longitudinal study would have provided stronger evidence, even though it has its own shortcomings (e.g., attrition). Furthermore, the lack of demographic information about the samples in terms of variables such as education level or socio-economic status remains a limitation of this study.

Other than that, the results of the study are reported well and converge with those of other studies, so I am largely confident that the pattern of results is reliable and thus informative for the research field.

Declarations

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