

Review of: "When a Cluster Is a Cluster"

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The paper argues that using spatial data is important for epidemic studies. It reports examples where this knowledge has effectively helped to prevent further spreading of the initial cases. It also briefly discusses several methods that can prove effective to manage the uncertainty of the early stages of an epidemic.

Yet, the complaint of the author that only a few scientific papers have focused on spatial data and spatial methodologies is not a scientific contribution. Many can agree with this complaint. But in the end, the paper does not have a thesis, and so it brings no conclusions.