Review of: "Forecasting by Analogy: A Parallel between the Trend of Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths in the Winters of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 in Italy"

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Introduction:

In general, the introduction contextualizes the reader about the work. It is not typical for data and discussion notes to be present in this part of the article. I suggest adjusting this aspect.

I believe some Italian words are still present in the article, such as "circa." It does not hinder reading; however, I suggest carefully reviewing the text.

"Weekly number of deaths as large as 800 registered in those three holiday weeks": Were there 800 weekly deaths? Or were there 800 deaths in that period? I believe that 800 deaths per week is a significant number and possibly similar to that found during the most severe months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, how does this number compare with the pandemic peak experienced in Italy?

I recommend an improvement in the description of the objective of the article. Is it an analysis, a prediction, or both? The description of this important milestone for the article should be improved.

Materials and Methods:

The language used can be significantly improved.

The equations could be presented using mathematical notation.

Results:

Do you not have access to information on sociodemographic characteristics to improve results? Presenting the increase and discussing it is essential. However, it is just as important to discuss and identify which were the most vulnerable populations, what the characteristics of this population were, etc.

Conclusion and Discussion:

These sections can be significantly improved by incorporating more results.

Finally, I suggest a careful review of the grammar.