

Review of: "Cross-national associations of IQ and infectious diseases: Is the prevalence of Corona an exceptional case?"

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I liked this manuscript, interesting topic chosen and article text is very fluent.

1. In the introduction section, the author claim "Africa, the Middle East and Central Asia were almost completely spared", I think it's better to update your references with more recent research paper for example please see "[Spatiotemporal Variations of Air Pollution during the COVID-19 Pandemic across Tehran, Iran: Commonalities with and Differences from Global Trends](#)"
2. In the section 2.1, item 3 (air pollution) need to be clarified. Which parameter of air pollution did you consider to be analyzed?
3. In section 2.2, did you used the raw data from global data source or you filter or verified the data before any using?
4. The number of tables is large and it makes it difficult to communicate with the reader. It is better to display a number of tables together in one new figure.
5. In section 4., I think it's better to compare the result of this study in the context of similar research paper in this area in frame of new table or figure.