

# Review of: "Digitalization of research: do ICT improve scientific production in developing countries?"

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Dear editors and authors, first of all, I want to thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion on this article. The topic is very interesting.

Is there any special reason to consider the period 2000-2016? The period 2017–2022 is very challenging due to the economic crisis and the Covid pandemic, which could potentially have affected scientific research activities. I suggest thinking about extending the period, or maybe performing additional research considering the recent events that have an impact on scientific activities (artificial intelligence, consequences of Covid-19).

Try to put some additional information about the reference "World Happiness Database," like [www.worldhappinessdatabase.com](http://www.worldhappinessdatabase.com).

I suggest putting the information (in the reference... or elsewhere) about the time you extracted the data from the mentioned databases.

In table Appendix 3: Correlation matrix, check the results between the same categories (10.00 or 1.00)?