

Review of: "When a Cluster Is a Cluster"

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The topic of this paper is cluster and its importance in epidemiologic research, which is inspiring. However, I am confused about the goal of this paper. Is the purpose of the paper to provide a comprehensive survey or to present a novel approach to cluster in epidemiologic research?

On the one hand, comprehensiveness is not enough if a survey is to be provided. On the other hand, if a new method is to be proposed, the method must be described in more detail, more experimental results must be provided, and comparisons with the baseline method must be made, which is important to support the claims made in the paper.

Therefore, I suggest a major revision of the paper.