

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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While this article is interesting in discussing the development of the COVID-19 disease in Italy, it is important to highlight some important areas for change.

Minor Revisions

1. It is important to discuss the problem and why this research is important so that the gap and novelty of this research can be seen.
2. What implications can be presented from this article that need attention in the abstract section to introduce the importance of future follow-up research?

Major Revisions

1. The rationalization of the study was not disclosed in the introduction; the main finding was not clearly seen, only presenting mortality trend data throughout the year.
2. The statement "We know very well that this approach is subject to many limitations and runs the risk of failure" does not reflect a scientific article.
3. The methods appear to lack novelty; the inclusion and exclusion criteria are not explained in detail, and how the authors addressed the results is not explained.
4. Understanding trends, place, time, and spatial extent is important to maximize this analysis so that conclusions can be supported and accepted for future predictions of cases and deaths in Italy.
5. Preventive measures need to be added to the discussion to reach out to relevant stakeholders, as well as efforts to maintain current conditions.
6. Language quality and readability improvements are needed.