

Review of: "What is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic epoch on IPD (Inpatient Department) hospital admissions in India? - A 41months comparative, quantitative, deductive Cross-Sectional Research Study"

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In this study, the author performed a cross sectional study about the effect of COVID-19 on IPD admissions in India.

Title-

The title is informative and relevant.

Abstract-

The aims of the study are clear. The methodology and results are clearly outlined.

Introduction-

The author clearly described different factors that might affect IPD admissions during the pandemic era. The research questions are clearly outlined and justified in the previous literature.

Methodology-

The author should avoid the terms 'unique, novel'. He may use the term 'in my knowledge this is the first study of this kind....'. The process of subject selection is clear. All the variables are defined and measured appropriately. The methodology is valid, reliable and has enough details in order to replicate the study.

Results-

The data is presented in appropriate ways. Tables and figures are relevant and clearly presented. Titles, columns and rows are labelled correctly and clearly presented. The categories are grouped appropriately. The text in the results adds the information to the data. Overall, the results section provides meaningful information. **The author is advised to add statistical tests to measure 'P value' to form statistically significant results.**

Discussion and conclusions-

The results are discussed from multiple angles and placed into context without being over interpreted. The author is advised to avoid the paragraph about dead bodies floating in the rivers on page number 19, as those things are not scientifically proven. The conclusions answer the aims of the study and are supported by the results.

References-

The references are relevant, recent and appropriate key studies are included. But there are significant self citations.

The author should avoid it.

Overall-

The study is well designed to find out the effects of COVID-19 on IPD admissions in India.

