

Review of: "Assessing the Impact of COVID-19 on Food Consumption Preferences"

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This is an interesting paper. Since many reviewers comment on the content, I will give my comments on the structure of the paper.

1. Figure 1 is not of good quality. Suggest using a quality 2D image if necessary. Also, in my opinion, you can discard that image since it does not give additional information to the reader.
2. 70 respondents is way too low for a questionnaire survey. The population of Kira is 300,000. This isn't representing the whole community. So I suggest you need more data. Additionally, it's better to mention the time-period of the study. So the readers can get better insights into the study.
3. Figure 2; In my opinion, I think it's better to have a 2D graph and use different colours for the pie chart. You can use green instead of blue colour. Also please change the order of the legend from no education to higher education level. Again same goes with figure 4 regarding choice of colours. Keep in mind the consistency of the images you provided. There is a typo in the figure 2 legend (**No formal education**)
4. Typos in Figure 3: age categories 20 ~~0~~ 30 / 31 ~~0~~ 40 should be 20 to 30. Also, you already explained the demographic data previously. Therefore you don't need to illustrate these things again (figure 2 and 3)
5. Remove the full stop mark from **3.2 sub-topic** -Food consumption levels during the pandemic
6. Again table 3 and figure 5 are both the same. Discard the graph
7. Figure 6 - remove the full stop mark from the graph
8. you can combine several paragraphs in this paper as well
9. You can refer to this published paper for a better understanding of how the questionnaire and the results are presented "Analysis of the community behavioural patterns in management of household plastic waste due to the COVID-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka" <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cscee.2022.100246>

This paper presents some great insights to the readers. The paper can be published once the comments are properly addressed. Good luck