

Review of: "Selection of an engineering institution: Students' perceptions of choice characteristics and suitability under the COVID-19 pandemic"

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The objectives of the work should be clearer in the abstract. The introduction needs to be improved, making the text more robust and with fewer short sentences that could be grouped together.

The main objective of the article concerns the analysis during the Covid-19 pandemic, however, a large part of the text is dedicated to showing that the low demand for engineering is not a problem exclusive to the pandemic, as the authors clearly show in the literature review. Therefore, the conclusions are not exclusively related to the pandemic, as implied in the summary of the work.

A question that would be interesting to ask concerns the sampling in relation to the Universities involved, since each faculty has different characteristics and, for me, it would be natural that the motivations of the students for being in each one of them become different.

It is not clear whether the questionnaire was approved by an ethics committee, as it involves the participation of external people.