

Review of: "Public health efficiency and well-being in Italian provinces"

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It was a pleasure reading this piece of work focused on identifying indicators to assess public health efficiency and wellbeing in Italian provinces. Overall, the topic is relevant and the results provide new insight into the public health field. I appreciated the review on the notions of health and wellbeing: it is well-written and comprehensive. I cannot provide feedback on the methodological sections of the article since I am not familiar with the empirical model used; however, I am wondering if more justifications can be provided to focus on that particular time-frame. As it is the data set looks outdated. This does not mean that the conclusions that can be taken from the analysis are not relevant but the social cultural political and economic situation of Italy now is arguably different from the one of the 2000-2016. Think about Covid-19 pandemic and its implications for health and wellbeing ... I suggest that these aspect are taken into consideration and discussed further in the Conclusion/Discussion section. Lastly, it would be good to proofreading the whole manuscript. Best of luck!