

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

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Title of the Article: Selection of an engineering institution: Students' perceptions of choice characteristics and suitability under the COVID-19 pandemic.

The authors should make certain major and minor changes to the article so as to improve the acceptance and readability. The article in its present form is not acceptable. The following are some of the major and minor changes suggested to improve the article:

Major corrections:

1. Abstract should be of one paragraph, preferable within 150 words. It should clearly demonstrate the technique used, results obtained. Also a critical analysis with other techniques should be clearly mentioned.
2. Abbreviations should not be used in the 1st place. Authors can use the abbreviations subsequently. E.g. in abstract EI should be replaced with Engineering Institutions (EI) and later EI can be used.
3. Refer to recently published articles to improve the readability among the readers. Articles published in last 2-3 years should be referred wherever possible. The cause of COVID and diagnosis techniques should be added.

The authors can refer to the following articles, it's left to the authors to decide:

(i) <https://doi.org/10.1080/21681163.2021.1998925>

(ii) <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11042-022-12186-7>

1. There should be a result section prior to the conclusion section clearly mentioning the technique used, result obtained, and validation of the technique. Also, add more tables and graphs. Have a clear comparison with other techniques to justify your technique is better.

Minor corrections:

1. Clearly mention the database used and the specification of the system hardware in the result section.
2. Justify the paragraphs. It is hard to know the beginning and end of paragraph.
3. Table name and numbering is not proper.
4. The articles in the reference section should be as per the format of the journal. Please check the format of the journal.

5. It's difficult to understand the conclusion drawn from the research. The conclusion section should be shortened. Future scope should be another paragraph following the conclusion section.
6. The articles referred in the article should be elaborated like the technique used, dataset used and the result obtained etc.
7. More figures could be added if possible in the manuscript.
8. Elaborate COVID-19 disease, give proper introduction of COVID (cause, symptoms, disease transition from person to person), then how it is related and harmful to the institutions and challenges thereof.
9. Authors should carefully go through other articles to find out the section heads and subsections.