

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

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General comments

This manuscript aims, above all, at selecting a set of indicators suitable for evaluating public health efficiency and well-being in Italian provinces. In spite of some minor issues detailed below, author manages to fulfill sufficiently his main aim.

Minor comments

(Introduction, 1st paragraph) From Andrews et al., 1976, it is indicated p. 4, whereas in references' list pp. 63–106 are indicated for the same ref;

(References) please, detail ref Easterlin, 1974;

... Health equity in England: the Marmot review 10 years on...

please, detail ref Saltelli et al., 2008.

(1. Theoretical framework, 1st par) please, introduce QUARKS;

(5th par) ... health. "Il sole 24 ore" published...

(6th par and elsewhere throughout MS, as well) please, do not start sentences with acronyms/symbols;

... since Art. 32 of the Italian Constitution stipulates...

(2. Public health efficiency index, 1st par and elsewhere throughout MS, as well, regarding first "placement) ... is "Health for All",...

(2nd par) 1st equation looks truncated ((1)?);

... under variable return to...

... possible θ , for...

(3.1. Description of dimensions and variables, 1st par and elsewhere throughout MS) “Theil index”?

(3.3. Directionality issue, 1st par) Table 2 reports...

(3.4. Construction, 2nd par) previous equation was (2). Here (6) is there;

... the variable j . (elsewhere throughout MS, as well)

(4th par) ... light blue colour...

(4.1. Empirical model and estimation methodology, 3rd par) ... protection Fabrizio Curcio said...

... the GP-DRR which... (or need for self-consistency)

(4.2. Control variables, 2nd par) ... need (Baumeister & Leary, 1995) essential...

(4th par) A series of articles...

(5th par) ... services (Bird & Tarasov, 2004)...

(Concluding remarks, 1st par) ... well-being (Monni, 2002;... Calcagnini & Perugini, 2019a; b).

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