

Review of: "What is the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic epoch on IPD (Inpatient Department) hospital admissions in India? - A 41months comparative, quantitative, deductive Cross-Sectional Research Study"

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We congratulate the authors for this descriptive study on the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on in-patient department (IPD) admissions to hospitals in India. The comparison of IPD admissions between the pre-pandemic and pandemic epoch was provided with means (SD). However, comparison using parametric tests (e.g. t-test) would have made the results attractive.

This is not the first study to understand the impact of COVID-19 on IPD admissions. There are few single/multicentre studies published (doi:

10.25259/IJMS_211_2021, 10.4103/mjdrdypu.mjdrdypu_382_20, 10.1007/s12098-020-03562-y). However, here the comparison was done through HMIS at the national level.

The writing of the manuscript can be improved by defining acronyms when used for the first time and avoiding repetition of the statements. Limitations should mention that factors like OPD consultation and use of telemedicine may have influenced the rate of admissions which were not measured in this study. Finally, this study did not separately capture hospital admission with non-communicable disease complications.

Best wishes!