

Review of: "Forecasting by Analogy: A Parallel between the Trend of Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths in the Winters of 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 in Italy"

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I enjoyed reviewing this article; it is well-written and stays true to its primary objectives. Nevertheless, there are some concerns that the author should address for improvement. The following are my comments:

1. The rejection of traditional compartmental models lacks an explicit comparison, raising questions about the chosen method's superiority. It's essential to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of traditional models versus the proposed method. Also, the claim that the approach is not influenced by asymptomatic carriers requires evidential support, considering their significant role in COVID-19 spread. Any assertion of increased effectiveness should be accompanied by a clear rationale for addressing this factor.
2. Relying solely on a parallel between only two time periods might oversimplify the complex dynamics of COVID-19, which can be influenced by various factors, including changes in virus variants, vaccination rates, public health measures, and population behavior. What potential implications might arise if the author had drawn parallels among the three winter seasons observed during the COVID pandemic?
3. Improving the language, such as employing a singular subject (author) in sentences, incorporating uniform paragraph indentation, and rectifying grammatical errors, can contribute significantly to enhancing the overall quality of the article.

In general, the article stands out for adhering to its objectives. However, incorporating alternative modern approaches or comparing the utilized method with classical approaches or studies with models could be beneficial for enhancing the overall quality of the article.