

Review of: "An approach to the background, methods and challenges of research in disasters"

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As requested I had the chance to review current article. I do not like to add a value from 1 to 5 when reviewing as I do not believe that a “grade” is what is needed.

However, I believe that current version of the article is like a set of really useful and really worth mentioning notes.

Apart from the fact that structure is at a little disappointing status. The title of the article is confusing. In case you want to focus in epidemiological methods in disaster you need initially to 1. define them, to present related research separately. In case that the article is a general set of knowledge regarding disasters it really lacks of related literature. What I would like from my side to propose to the authors would be to focus on the epidemiological methods, in every aspect of the article. They should be mentioned in title, in abstract, in introduction. You should add definitions of what the “epidemiological methods” stand for and what are their characteristics. You should add the reported disasters separately. You should define a framework of disasters that are mentioned. There are plenty of disasters and/or hazards that are not mentioned. Why is that? Do you focus on specific cases? What is that specific you focus on?