

Peer Review Report

Review Report on Temporal dynamics of socioeconomic inequalities in COVID-19 outcomes over the course of the pandemic – A scoping review.

Review, Int J Public Health

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EVALUATION

Q 1 Please summarize the main theme of the review.

The review explores for high-income countries the temporal dynamics of socioeconomic inequalities in COVID-19 outcomes over the course of the pandemic.

Q 2 Please highlight the limitations and strengths.

Limitations:

- (1) The terms "observation period" and "study duration" are not used discriminately.
- (2) Information on effect sizes is lacking.
- (3) The discussion lacks theories and approaches related to social identity and social distinction.

Strengths:

- (1) This is the first scoping review on this issue.
- (2) The high number of studies screened and included.
- (3) The manuscript is well structured and written clearly and concisely.

Q 3 Please provide your detailed review report to the authors, structured in major and minor comments.

Major comments:

- (1) Please report the effect sizes detected by the studies. If this is not useful or possible, it should be explained in the discussion.
- (2) Please consider theories and approaches that explain social inequalities in behavior using the concepts of social identity and social distinction.

Minor comments:

- (1) The terms "observation period" and "study duration" should used discriminately and strictly.
- (2) Line numbers 346–349: This is not a question of bias, but a question of the limits of generalizability. Please revise these lines.

PLEASE COMMENT

Q 4 Does the reference list cover the relevant literature adequately and in an unbiased manner?

Yes, except that there is a lack of literature that explains social inequalities in behavior in terms of the concepts of social identity and social distinction.

Q 5 Does this manuscript refer only to published data? (unpublished data is not allowed for Reviews)

Yes.

Q 6 Does the manuscript cover the issue in an objective and analytical manner

Yes.

Q 7 Was a review on the issue published in the past 12 months?

No.

Q 8 Does the review have international or global implications?

The review has implications for all high-income countries.

Q 9 Is the title appropriate, concise, attractive?

Yes

Q 10 Are the keywords appropriate?

Yes

Q 11 Is the English language of sufficient quality?

Yes

Q 12 Is the quality of the figures and tables satisfactory?

Yes.

QUALITY ASSESSMENT

Q 13 Quality of generalization and summary



Q 14 Significance to the field



Q 15 Interest to a general audience



Q 16 Quality of the writing



REVISION LEVEL

Q 17 Please take a decision based on your comments:

Minor revisions.