

Title: Does mask usage correlate with excess mortality? Findings from 24 European countries

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Reviewer's report:

The significance of this study is yet to be concluded. Also, as indicated in the conclusion, the effect of mask usage on COVID-19 transmission rate and its adverse effects seem to be contradictory from the other reported studies.

Discussion is very scattered and huge, a compact discussion while citing other similar studies would have been more effective.

Overall, the manuscript is not acceptable for me.