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# **COMMENTS ON “COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES IN THE CAREC REGION” BY BRENDAN DUPREY AND AIZHAN SALIMZHANOVA**

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## **Objective:**

## **SUMMARY 1**

- The aim of this paper is to analyze the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the SMEs in the Central Asia region

## **Data and Methodology:**

- It employs qualitative approaches by using various secondary information and micro data for Kazakhstan for the first two quarters of 2020.
- The number of operating SMEs, production level of goods and services, and the number of employed people in SMEs in Kazakhstan.
- Uses Students' t Test to analyse the difference Pre and post COVID-19 features of SMEs in Kazakhstan.

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## GENERAL COMMENTS

**Topic:** Very interesting general overview SMEs in the CAREC region

**Title:** COVID-19 pandemic and Small and Medium Enterprises in the CAREC region

**Literature review:** well written

**Policy insights:** Missing

**Scientific soundness:** Several issues which should be improved prior to publication

**Language:** Well written and appropriate

**Descriptive statistics:** Table 5 ? (missing )

**Contributions:** Lack clear contributions

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## QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Timeline chart of COVID-19 cases in the county during the data period
- Micro or macro data? Unit of observation?
- Use Difference in Difference (DID)



Thank you