**Read me file for project: Impact of R&D Spending on COVID-19 Mortality by Country by Ramzi CHARIAG**

# Data description

Description of each variable used:

Mortality: The number of deaths as a percentage of total cases. This dataset is being updated frequently, and I used the latest version available at the time of writing the paper which was on 10th of May, 2021.

R&d: Research and development spending by country averaged since the year 2000

lpapers: log of Number of research papers published per country

Control variables:

HAQ: Healthcare access and quality index

Other factors such as underlying health conditions and income:

BMI: average body mass index per country

Lgdp: log of PPP income by country in 2017 US dollars

Median age: median age by country

# Transformations

The file “Transformed” includes the datasets from raw but renamed, and metadata sheets deleted. Other than that there was only one change made which was to the dataset of R&D spending by country.

The dataset for R&D spending by country goes back a number of years, I have averaged the latest number of years since 2000 and used average R&D in my analysis. Both averaged and raw files are included in the folder “transformed”

# Replication:

To replicate the tables from the paper, first run “clean\_data.do”

Then to generate each table run the corresponding do file.

Table 1: table containing descriptive statistics generated by “descriptive\_statistics.do”

Table 2: regression of mortality rate on R&D generated by “regress\_mortality\_on\_r&d.do”

Table 3: regression of mortality rate on lpapers generated by “regress\_mortality\_on\_papers.do”

Table 5: regression of mortality rate on both R&D and lpapers generated by “regress\_mortality\_on\_r&d\_and\_papers.do”

Tables 6 and 7: first stage and second stage regressions generated by “IV\_model.do”

Note: “IV\_model.do” will only work after running “descriptive statistics.do” as it uses its output.

Each regression requires a slightly different merging procedure which is why merging is not done separately by its own do file.

# Data access

All data used is from public sources. Links in the references.

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