

# Review of: "Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia"

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**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.

I am happy and with gratitude to review this manuscript which could help readers and policy maker to understand this particular problem.

**General Comments:** the document doesn't have line number, and this may create difficulty for reviewer to state clearly where the documents need improvement. But I will try to be accurate in showing areas of comments.

**TITLE:** Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in, Sidama Region, Ethiopia

**Comment 1:** The title should be written in sentence case that means by making first letter of title capital except names. It was bit long ago (2020)

## **ABSTRACT:**

**Comment 2:** in introduction part it's important to include justification from previous evidences too

**Comment 3:** which tools did you use. Is it adapted or adopted. Issues of assumption checking and ethical consideration should be included.

## **INTRODUCTION**

**Comment 4:** you have discussed about broad category of mental disorder. But my concern was regarding the gaps or justification to conduct this study despite availability of longitudinal studies. What new things will you add to these pool of knowledge.

## **METHODOLOGY**

**Comment 5:** regarding total population why you have used the data of 2007 census. I recommend you to use updated population size from projected population size.

**Comment 6:** why you have used 50% for sample size calculation despite availability of similar studies. Using 50% means there was no similar study any where in the world.

**Comment 7:** did you conduct pretest of questionnaire. What were the results of pretest.

## RESULTS

**Comment 8:** common mental illnesses were broad. Example depressive disorder, anxiety disorder... so how did you merge these disorder to classify as have mental illness and don't have mental illness.

## DISCUSSION

Comment 9: in the discussion part you have tried to interpret your findings by comparing with other findings and by justifying reasons for discrepancies. But you have to also include implication of the findings.