

# Review of: "Social Class, Gender and Psychological Distress in Mumbai: Risk and Protective Factors"

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review this article. The author generally did good work; however, here are a few observations which have been highlighted with comments in the attached document;

- The entire Introduction section lacks expression of existing gaps (in research) that this study sought to contribute to filling. In particular, the rationale for the study focus on gender and social class, among several other known predictor variables, is largely missing.
- The study design is not clearly expressed. It looks like a comparative cross-sectional analytic design but needs to be stated clearly.
- This sampling method is very unclear. Is it a random probability or non-probability method? Besides generating the number of participants, how were they selected? Was a sampling frame used, or was it a total enumeration of all persons in the selected community? A lot is left unsaid here!
- It is erroneous to use relative risk to interpret results in this cross-sectional study. This is so especially because you do not have incidence data. This challenge needs to be addressed throughout the data analysis plan, results, and discussion aspects of this good work.