

Review of: "COVID-19: Health risk factors among students' population in Albania"

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The manuscript aims at investigating a relevant topic, however, as it stands, it has several limitations that prevent the generalisability of the results. I firstly recommend that the authors review the manuscript for English language, grammar, consistency and clarity. There are several grammatical errors and typos in the text. It is preferable to use the third person for scientific papers (i.e., we and not I, see the discussion section).

With respect to the method section, authors stated: "The present study was focused on university and college students in Albania during the first year of the pandemic Covid-19" Authors should specify the time interval during which the questionnaire was administered (months, weeks). The entire procedure should be explained in more detail; furthermore, a 'Participants' section is missing. There are several tables that often make it difficult to understand the data; I advise the authors to remove some tables from the text.

Regarding the questionnaires used, as the authors translated from the original text, it is necessary to analyse and report the results with respect to reliability analyses with Cronbach's alpha as a measure of consistency and validity. Has the original factorial structure also been maintained in the authors' version?

The lack of gender balance, with male participants representing 5.3% of the sample, introduces a bias and undermines the overall validity of the study.

Why did the authors not consider analysing the variables of interest only in the female population? There is a lot of descriptive and demographic information with which statistical analyses could have been conducted.

And then where are the statistical analyses? Percentages are not enough, in my opinion, because they do not lead to concrete, and scientific results. The authors should at least use t-tests and correlation analyses.

The conclusion section is short and should be expanded. There is no section on limitations. Standardize the citation style.