

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

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Dear Qeios,

thank you for the chance of revising this analysis on the impact of COVID-19 on students' lifestyle and academic life.

The authors hypothesized that Covid-19 pandemics has inflicted at student's population on level basis of anxiety, depression, suicide risk and disturbing the daily lifestyle.

My main concern is that, according to the aim declared by the authors, this study should have investigated if COVID-19 increased the risk of depression. However, there is no a control group (e.g., the same sample before pandemic or retrospective information pre-pandemic) to compare the risk with and without COVID-19. At the end, the analysis tack on the association between depression/anxiety and incomes in the subpopulation of women.

Moreover, the paper is quite difficult to read due to the number of tables and the statistics reported in each table (some of them not really essential):

- There are a lot of tables and statistics that could be simplified in order to rationalize the manuscript. For example, Tables 1-6 reported socio-demographic characteristics, I suggest to combine them in just one table based on valid data and reported for each variable the number of missing data.
- Same suggestion for the outcomes: Table 8-10 could be combined in just one table.
- Due to the frequency distributions, I suggest to use just 2 categories for age (below and above 29 years) and 3 categories for incomes (below 500, 500-1000, above 1000).
- Please indicate currency when you report incomes' categories.
- I think that table 11 is redundant.
- Tables 12-16 are very interesting but also difficult to read, I suggest to report the same data using bar charts. stratified by age (below and above 29) and sex.
- In the "Results and Discussion" session, it could be useful to cite tables or figure when you report a result.

At the end I think that the material is original and interesting but the paper needs to be re-organized to became easier to read. Moreover, the aim should be state very clear and results should be consistent with the aim.

