

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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The topic Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia is very appropriate and timely especially looking at the mental health challenges of the young globally. However, a number of issues have to be looked at including:

1. The abstract doesn't have keywords and also needs restructuring especially the result section,
2. The work has to be improved in terms of formatting; for instance, the paper does not have page numbers, check also the font type and size to apply uniformly,
3. The last line on the second paragraph before methodology and materials "Homelessness and inappropriate incarceration are more common" the statement seems disjointed from the writeup.
4. In describing the characteristics of depressive disorder, the author would have referred to DSMVI, ICD-10 and other authorities.

Methods

1. How were the schools selected?
2. The author said the students who were absent during follow-up data collection were excluded-what does that mean?
3. The author also indicated that students who were absent during data collection were informed through their friends and data was collected from them on the next day-what actually went on with your data collection and what procedure was used?
4. The author stated that data was collected in the dining hall, was the privacy of respondents observed and this could affect their responses to the questionnaires?
5. Were the sample sizes calculated on each objective? Since the author said sample size for objective one?

Result

1. Did you assess the relationship between social support and school belongingness?
2. Why was the mental health limited to depressive disorders leaving other components of mental health distress?

The claim that the chronic diseases that were in the past, does it mean they do not have such chronic diseases now? How is that possible?

