

Review of: "Identifying Psychological Distress Patterns during the COVID-19 Pandemic using an Intersectional Lens"

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Dear colleagues, I agree with the other reviewers, but first of all I would like to congratulate you for your work, it is comprehensive and novel. There are some things that can be clarified. In the abstract, the study design should be explicitly mentioned as well as the instruments used, are them validated?

In addition, more categories should have been captured in the race/ethnicity survey; citizen, physical aspects, and spoken language are mixed. You should discriminate the categories and systematize the collection information in further investigations. I consider that as a limitation.

Moreover, I encourage you to discuss in more depth the theoretical mandates to consider the intersecting influence of social statuses on mental health. Although finding causes are not the intention, is the COVID-19 pandemic the reason for its impact on mental health? Are there predisposing factors? It would be interesting if you can find relations or coincidences between citizen, physical aspects, spoken language, and educational level and incomes.

Finally, a parenthesis without cite are included in the first paragraph in the subtitle "Intersectionality" in the introduction.

I hope this observations invite you to reflect on the mentioned aspects.

Regards!