

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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Overall, this article is well addressing an important issue of mental health of High School Students. The manuscript is well written. However, it has some pitfalls which need to be corrected before its publication in its current form.

Comments in the article which needs clarifications, corrections, rewrites and/or additional information:

Materials and Methods section:

- Methods and Materials: should be written Materials and Methods
- Study period: Institution-based cross-sectional study design was conducted from November to December 2020. While in abstract (30th October and 1st December 2020), please uniform in both abstract and methods section and add date in methods section
- study settings: the author mentioned "A total of 27055 students enrolled from grades 9 - 12 in the 2019/20 academic year" then write in inclusion criteria "Students who are enrolled in high schools of Hawassa city in 2020/2021GC." Which academic year the study was conducted? clarify
- Sampling technique and sampling procedure: better to add flow chart demonstrating the multistage sampling technique

Results:

- Table 1: in marital status you can merge as widowed and divorced were zero

Other References: why the author put other references separated from the references list p17-18

I hope that the above comments and suggestions may be helpful for you

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