

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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I highlight the objective of the study and the population studied in relation to the high prevalence of mental illnesses and the lack of information in this regard. That is why I observe that the results of this study are a relevant contribution for designers of educational policies focused on educational improvement.

In this regard, and with the aim of strengthening the socio-educational relevance of the study, I recommend that the authors include in the article information on the existence or not of state or local educational public policies whose objective is the promotion of mental health of the population school in the city of Hawassa.

On the other hand, at a methodical level, I highlight the correspondence between the objective of the study, the methodological design, the instruments and their administration, the analyzes carried out; elements that promote the methodological value of the study, which corresponds to the value of its results. However, based on what has been seen, it is not clear whether the sample is representative or not. On the other hand, in this same aspect, due to the dates of application, the question arises as to why the "COVID-19 pandemic" was not considered, as there are global studies that indicate the negative impact on the mental health of secondary students, which in some way can have repercussions on the data. It would be positive to somehow incorporate said antecedents into the article.

Finally, I observe a weak conclusion in the content of the article. It is suggested to improve this by incorporating the objective, the main results in relation to the objective, clarifying which are the most relevant predictor variables according to results and why not, some socio-educational projections that arise from them.