

Review of: "Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia"

Riyadh Lafta¹

¹ University of Mustansiriyah

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

Although the sample size was calculated using the “classic” equation; I think that the sample is still small for a cross sectional study, and for a solid inference, knowing that the sample formed only 2.3% of the target population.

I suggest that the author mention in the methods that identification of the common mental illnesses was not based on clinical diagnosis but, rather, on probable symptomatology.

The tables 1-4 focused on the demographic (and other) variables, only table 5 was about the main research question (prevalence of common mental illness and associated factors).

I expected to see more details in the results/tables about the types and severity of mental illnesses.

In the conclusion, the author said that “common mental illnesses are one of the major public health problems”. I think that he needs to clarify on what basis did he conclude that,