

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

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The purpose of this study was to determine how interactions among social determinants of mental health are associated with psychological distress levels in March and April 2020, from a social determinants of mental health framework and an intersententiality perspective.

## Introduction

The introduction is clear and presents the framework to understand the study. Also, it highlights the original contribution of the work. In this sentence, it seems that a reference is missing: "Instead of race, it is racism that shapes mental health (Williams, Lawrence, and Davis 2019) and both gender and race intersect to create intricate differences in experiences and health ()"

## Methods

The sample is part of an ongoing longitudinal study.

Regarding the sociodemographic variables, research collected data about gender as a binary construct (female and male). However, in the introduction they said that: "an explanation of gender disparities in rates of depression that only centers biological sex differences fails to appreciate gender as a social construction". Therefore, the authors are not considering gender in its complexity.

## Results

The analysis approach is interesting and original, showing the complexity in mental health issues.

## Discussion

Results are discussed and explained with clarity. It would be important to address the limitations of the study.

Overall, it is a solid and well-argued study. I suggest its publication with minor changes: add the discussion of the incorporation of the gender variable as a binary variable and include the limitations of the study.

