

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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The title of the article is a very important public health issue and the document is well constructed. It has provided commendable result in showing the associated factors specially important ones like sex, higher grade and khat consumption. Please consider the following comments

- 1.Include some information as to why Hawassa was selected for the study.
2. literature review should include contents of the associated factors (sex, age....)
- 3.describe what happened after pretesting was done to maintain data quality
- 4.State the independent and dependent variables clearly
- 5.Consent was said to be obtained from the participants, how about assent as there are participants with age <18. Should it be consent or assent?
- 6.Define CMD as CMI is defined
7. Grade 9 pupils were shown to be majorly affected is it because of their high number (190)
8. Where is the limitation of the study
- 9 . Please correct some grammatical issues like in the result section (3rd paragraph, this finding was....7th paragraph, likewise....)
10. Questionnaire should be attached
11. It would be good to add the significance of the study for the community and what the schools benefit from the obtained result