

Review of: "Medical students' disease status of COVID-19: A multicenter study"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

This multi-centric and cross sectional study was aimed at finding out the status of COVID-19 among medical students in one of the provinces in Pakistan and is important considering that medical students as HCWs are a high-risk group, especially those in clinical years, and have high chances of exposure to COVID-19 cases as a part of their work or studies. They were also involved in COVID-19 duties in some parts of the world during shortages of healthcare manpower due to various reasons. The manuscript can be further strengthened in the following areas:

1. The author may also include the aim/objective in the abstract.
2. The abbreviation KP can be spelled out when used for the first time in the introduction part.
3. Introduction can also include the need identified to conduct this research (what it will add to the existing pool of literature).
4. Methodology can be further elaborated by defining / providing clarification about some common variables, like How the COVID-19 case was defined (self-reported/ RAT positive/ RT-PCR positive, / combination), how the re-infection was defined. etc.
5. How many medical schools were invited to participate, and what was the response rate?
6. Was the questionnaire pre-tested?
7. Results also need to be more elaborated in brief while trying to avoid much of the overlap with tables and figures.
8. The discussion is more or less well written.