

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

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- 1) The abstract is not very clear. By reading the results it is not clear which differences were noted. For example, it is not clear whether males or females had higher distress.
- 2) Psychological distress was not assessed through a single instrument, as it should have, such as the HADS. Instead, several questions from different instruments were used. This instrument was developed for the study purpose and was not validated, which consists a major weakness of the study.
- 3) The study has no other major weaknesses. Yet, it investigates a matter that is currently of low interest, since the pandemic has ended. It would be a good and interested paper if published earlier. It is obvious by the absence of references from 2022 and 2023 that the paper was written in the previous years, but for some reason not published. I believe that currently this paper is unfortunately of low interest.