

Review of: "COVID-19: Health risk factors among students' population in Albania"

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The study aimed to investigate mental health consequences on students and their ability to cope with the pandemic.

Remarks:

- it was tried to assess the level of anxiety, depression, risk perception, and coping strategies of Albanian students during the first year of the pandemics COVID -19,
- it is not clear if the questionnaires used in this study, Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) and GAD -7 questionnaire, were validated for this studied population in Albania,
- the internal consistency of the scales was not evaluated (ex. could be calculated Cronbach's alpha to test the association among variables),
- the study variables: socio demographic characteristics, anxiety and depression levels, risk perception, and coping strategies are insufficiently described and analysed,
- the factors associated with anxiety and depression were not analysed (ex. could be evaluated using logistic regression analysis) ,
- the results are insufficiently presented,
- the statistical analysis is incomplete.

In conclusion, I do not recommend publication.