

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

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**Potential competing interests:** No potential competing interests to declare.

**Data Clarification:** There is some confusion around the number of participants who answered certain questions and the distribution of responses. For instance, there seems to be an inconsistency regarding the age group, where you mention that 206 out of 27 were in the 18-29 age group. Is it 206 out of 227? Please ensure these numbers are revised for clarity.

**Gender Inequality:** The severe underrepresentation of male participants in your study (5.3% of the sample) raises concerns about the generalizability of your findings. The lack of gender balance may introduce bias, affecting the study's overall validity. It would be beneficial to discuss the potential impact of this gender disparity on your results, and potentially consider methods for more equal gender distribution in future studies.

**Methods:** While the results are informative and thoroughly detailed, a summary of the methodology, including the details of the questionnaire and the methods used for data collection and analysis, would be helpful to the reader and could enhance the context of your findings.

**Contextualization of Findings:** The study presents a significant amount of numerical data. While this level of detail is beneficial, providing additional context or interpretation around the figures could make the results more accessible. For instance, what does the percentage of students at risk of depression or suicidal ideation mean in a broader socio-cultural or educational context? Some commentary on these figures might enhance the significance and impact of your research.

**Recommendations for Future Research:** While you have done a great job of discussing the results, it could be beneficial to include a section on recommendations for future research. This could provide a springboard for other researchers interested in expanding on your work and could also highlight the significance of your study. For example, your study suggests the need to investigate how universities and families can better collaborate to reduce anxiety and depression among students; this could be elaborated on in a section discussing future research directions.