

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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Dear authors,

Please find my comments on your article titled "Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia".

The dates of the study period was stated in the abstract, whereas it was only the month that was mentioned in the main write up; it should be the other way.

The inverted comma in the following statement in the introduction should be closed: "any disorder that is generally characterized by...

There is no study objectives. This should be included at the end of the introduction section

The 'randomly' in the statement in the Study population should be deleted because it can be confused with the multi stage sampling: 'Randomly selected...'

The following statement in the data collection tools is in the future tense and should be changed to present tense: 'Perceived Social support will be measured...'

We need to know more about the Simple School Belonging Scale and Multidimensional Scale of Perceived Social Support than what was provided in the data collection tools.

Since a pretest was carried out in a number of the students, I wish to assume that those students were not used in the main study? This should be stated in the exclusion criteria. Further what measures were taken to ensure the students were not re sampled?

Best wishes.