

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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Thank you for inviting me to review this paper entitled on "Prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors Among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia". The paper had public importance. However, there are issues to be addressed.

Abstract section of the introduction subsection should address a short summary of the problem and gaps.

Introduction:

- It seems background information so, better to show the magnitude and severity of the problem and related important issues
- There are plagiarized statements and no citations
- As stated "Many longitudinal studies have shown that ---. However, there is only one reference, look it again
- It is inappropriate to use distribution and prevalence alternatively

Methods

- This is study period inconsistency, November to December 2020 and 30th October and 1st December 2020
- The study had one month duration for study. However, you have excluded those study participants absent during follow-up data collection time, what are the attempts to address those students?
- Why this study use 50% prevalence, there are other similar studies in Ethiopia?.
- Which one is better, either using design effect and adding response rate or reducing the stages to select study subjects?
- Do you believe that a study participant can represent the whole students?
- What about social support scale score below 12?
- better to state the reliability and validity of the tool

Result

-What are the novel findings of this study ?

-Better to use appropriate expressions for numbers, e.g: Most (60.7%) of the participants'

-When you say that mild, moderate and severe common mental illness? It is not clear. There is inconsistency of report on moderate CMD, one says 119 the other says 61?

-Look at the AOR of female students?

Discussion

-Simply flown

References

-What is the relevance of other references? I recommend removing it

-Some references are out-dated