

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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This is an interesting study; the paper is generally well written and structured. However, in my opinion the paper has some shortcomings in regards to the use of facts without reference and the language of definition of some concept identified in this review stated below. Below I have provided numerous remarks on the text as it is often vague and some without reference. In several instances I also suggested to cite more relevant and recent literature.

Topic

The associate factors as indicated in the topic were not fully considered in the study.

Abstract

Please write your abstract in paragraphs and not in sub heading. Synchronize the abstract and focus on the study and results.

Introduction

P1 The definition of mental illness; mental illness is not only characterized as a change in mood thought / or behaviour. It becomes a disorder when the change in mood or behaviour interferes with the normal daily functioning of that particular individual.

P1 The researcher made reference to common mental illness but did not establish the common mental illness affecting Hawassa city. The researcher did not also identify perpetuating factors, predisposing factors and precipitating factors of these common mental illness.

P3 L1-5 The facts established were not referenced or linked to any literature.

P4 L2-6 The facts established were not referenced

P5 L 3 Are you establishing that mental health disorder causes Cancer, HIV/AIDS, and cardiovascular diseases? Please explain and back it up with literature.

Methodology

You identified that high school students in Hawassa were used. Were all the school considered in the selection or what was the criteria of selection?

The hypothesis used in the research?

In your discussion it would be good to site other literatures and link it to your study.

In your operational definition of terms, it will be good to finetune the definition of concept defined. Common mental illness, social support.

The research did not identify any limitation and recommendation.

The conclusion should be worked upon and refined. It appears too simple.