

Review of: "Identifying Psychological Distress Patterns during the COVID-19 Pandemic using an Intersectional Lens"

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The study addresses a topic of great interest and makes a significant contribution. The methodology that was applied is novel and based on the large sample size. The authors addressed the intersecting influence of social statuses on mental health.

It would be useful to provide more details on the tree-based statistical modeling, i.e., conditional inference trees and random forest methods. The comparison with other findings are missing.

The paragraph commenting on the limitations of the work should be included, focusing on other psychological variables that are key predictors of distress, like coping strategies, self-efficacy, social support and quality of social relation, direct and indirect experience with Covid-19, etc., therefore the socio-demographic variables were included in this study are usually just control ones.

It would be useful to emphasize the practical implications for mental health interventions and policies.