

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 the invitation and opportunity provided to evaluate this manuscript. The manuscript attempts to assess an important topic concerning prevalence of Common Mental Illness and Its Associated Factors among Hawassa City High School Students in Hawassa, Sidama Region, Ethiopia. It's a good piece with some serious flaws. I have the following observations and concerns.

*My major concern in this manuscript is that in the Hawassa University institutional repository the author of this research mentioned were only **Tekleselassie** and **Bereket**, do you added these individuals as an author of this manuscript at least please?

Abstract

Your recommendations are not consistent with your pertinent findings

Introduction

- Most of the statements provided in the introduction section doesn't have a citation and
- Previously determined national and regional magnitude and significant factors identified so far are not well stated.

Methods

Well written but using a 50% for the absence of previous literatures in similar setting is not convincing hence you can have much more studies including meta-analysis in similar geographical areas like Kombolcha, Illu Ababora, Jimma, Harar,...

Results

In most of your tables, it's good to provide a foot note for describing others category and better to delete those categories with a zero frequency.

Discussion

In the ethical consideration section it's good to consider an assent for students below 18 years of age

Finally, your conclusion should have a recommendation as well

Good luck