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| Journal Name: | International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health |
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| <u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments | <p>There is no literature support in the introduction on current understanding or knowledge of psychosocial impact relating to university students. This information is found in the Discussion, but should also be included in the Introduction to provide a narrative for the gap-of-knowledge that justify the study.</p> <p>There is no provision of theoretical framework supporting the questionnaire instrument. At the very least, literature support for the design of the questionnaire should be provided. In addition, the questionnaire was not pilot tested and subjected to relevant statistical validation (such as Cronbach Alpha Reliability Test) prior to implementation. Due to the fact that all these research protocols were missing, the use of this survey questionnaire instrument cannot yield any convincing inferences.</p> <p>What is the criteria for choice of respondents? What is the rationale/justification for the sample size of 76? There is no mention of how many students from each year of candidature were involved.</p> | <p>Thank you for the comments. We have added the literature on current understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on universities, and knowledge of psychosocial impact relating to university students.</p> <p>The questionnaire was piloted in another university: see section on methods – "Validity/Reliability of Instrument: The study instrument was designed and critiqued by all authors before use. The study instrument (the questionnaire) was also pre-tested in a similar work environment (amongst students in another university) and corrections made before commencement of study".</p> <p>All the students in the clinical class of a NEW Private University were included {TOTAL Population}</p> |
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