

Dear Editor,

We highly appreciate your efforts and consideration on our manuscripts' as a possible publication, and please convey our hearty thanks to referee for his constructive and positive comments and suggestions. We have revised this Manuscript carefully according to their suggestions. The details of comments and their answer are given below.

This is a meaningful and informative article, with important findings. It mapped the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on mental health and learning concerns of high-schoolers in China. The article is very well written, with very few aspects to review, listed below. –

Comment 1: substitute "In total, 893 students were participated" by "In total, 893 students have participated"; - substitute "866 out of 683students" by "683 out of 866 students"; -

Response:

We have revised according to referee suggestion.

In total, 893 students have participated in the survey by filling the questionnaires.

683 out of 866 students have reported that their families are well-aware of COVID-19.

Comment 2: In the following extract, I did not understand how most of them have returned to their normal routine and, at the same time, it seems that most of them are not going to school: "93.0% reported that they have returned to their normal routine (Table 2). 68.3% student considers this outbreak has negatively affected their studies. Although 96.5% of the respondents are willing to returning back to schools";

Response: Actually, COVID-19 cases were drastically dropped from mid of March or early of April particularly in Gansu Province. Schools, universities, markets were opened normal routine. Therefore, most of them have returned to their normal routine at the same time

Comment 3: Please, be more precise in these parts of your text "health of high school students in a cohort in China", since your data is from one single school; - Add to the "limitations" the information that your data is from one single school in China; - It seems that this is the authors' opinion ("but they are prepared to take precaution measures")

and, as such, should be identified as "in our opinion"; - Some results are mentioned in the "Discussion", I suggest to keep them in the "Results"; -

Response: Limitation has been added according to referee suggestion.

Of note, there are some limitations in this study. First, the survey was conducted in only a one single school in China and region with low number of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Therefore, the findings in this study may not represent other schools and regions in China.

Comment 4: Many of the described results in "Results" are not clear, unless the tables are seen. Meanwhile, many of the tables are not clear. Therefore, I suggest eliminating most of the tables (especially: 3,4,5,6 and 7) and describing the results including more details and the quantitative analysis; - The meaning of classes 1, 2 and 3 are not clear; - In table 1 there is an inversion of urban and rural numbers.

Response: As referee said recommended that table 3,4,5,6 and 7 should be eliminated but we think that table 3 is also interesting therefore, we request to keep it and remaining tables are added as an additional tables (1,2,3,4) whenever, any reader like to check the results they can view additional files. Results of these tables have already been mentioned in the main text.

We revised our manuscript according to referee recommendation. Thank you again for your attention on these revisions. We look forward your last decision.

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