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#### **SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS**

This is a very important contribution. The authors' data suggest that the coping strategies adopted during the first wave of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic protected the population from the general risk of "psychopathological decompensation". This term needs to be better elaborated, because it may create confusion to the reader. Importantly, the same strategies, in the medium to long term have not proved to be protective against the stress associated with the pandemic and social lockdown. During the second wave of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, an increase in suicidal behaviours and in the incidence rate of affective and anxiety disorders was observed. This last point is crucial to be emphasized and some terms defined according to the last edition of DSM. English misspelling and grammar mistakes occur in the manuscript.