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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is an interesting study about the adolescent mental health of Chinese students. The students are special and a large group, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the mental health of students needs more attention. This study made an interesting survey and collected mental health questionnaires from 3,184 students. The samples size is enough, and the results are highlights. Although the manuscript is well written, a minor editing is required for the manuscript. After that, the manuscript is recommended to be accepted for publication.

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In this study, the authors collected mental health questionnaires from 3184 students. The study found that Chinese adolescents had different psychological characteristics at different grades, and their levels of anxiety and depression have improved since the COVID-19 pandemic. These findings are interesting. The manuscript is well written. The reviewer recommends to accept the manuscript after a minor editing.

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China has made great achievements in fighting COVID-19 pandemic. This study described a questionnaire to survey adolescent students in China to determine whether mental health has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The aim of this study is very clear, and the questionnaire is reasonable. Overall, this study is very well designed and the results are very interesting. Minor comments: 1. The manuscript requires a minor language editing. Some minor language polishing should be revised. 2. How about the limit of the questionnaire or this study? The authors can make a discuss about it. 3. The images in the figure 1 is too small, please update the images. 4. References list should be edited and updated.