

PEER-REVIEW REPORT

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Scientific quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Very good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade E: Do not publish
Novelty of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No novelty

Creativity or innovation of this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No creativity or innovation
Scientific significance of the conclusion in this manuscript	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade C: Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: No scientific significance
Language quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Grade A: Priority publishing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Grade B: Minor language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade C: A great deal of language polishing <input type="checkbox"/> Grade D: Rejection
Conclusion	<input type="checkbox"/> Accept (High priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Accept (General priority) <input type="checkbox"/> Minor revision <input type="checkbox"/> Major revision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rejection
Re-review	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Peer-reviewer statements	Peer-Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anonymous <input type="checkbox"/> Onymous
	Conflicts-of-Interest: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

a. The authors need to mention, that which version of MINI was used in the abstract? b. The study was conducted during October 2021 to November 2021 in one of the major epicentre of COVID-19, the COVID-19 related changes are likely to affect the mental health of the medical students. Hence, it limits the generalizability of the study findings. The findings will not have any significance at the current scenario. Several articles related to COVID-19 among medical students referring to the mental health domain are already published which significantly reduce the novelty of this research. This article may be of some relevant for the regional journal (but I doubt about it too).

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It is an interesting cross-sectional study of estimated prevalence of mental disorders in Chinese medical students. The main strength is the number of participants. Also it is important that describes the phenomena in a different cultural environment than in western societies and certain correlations can be made. Suggested interventions: 1. Review from a native English speaker 2. Confine the tables to 3-4. This amount of information may make the reader tired and does not improve the quality of the paper 3. It should be stressed (in the title and elsewhere) that this is about the estimated prevalence and not the real one, because the participants were not examined by psychiatrists 4. Results such as the strikingly low rate of drug abuse or eating disorders should be discussed more extensively taking into consideration the cultural context 5. Were the students who had a diagnosis from the MINI, but not examined by a psychiatrist, referred to a psychiatrist for proper examination and treatment?

RE-REVIEW REPORT OF REVISED MANUSCRIPT

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I have no further comments