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| Journal Name: | Journal of Pharmaceutical Research International |
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| Compulsory REVISION comments ABSTRACT INTRODUCTION METHOD RESULTS Discussion CONCLUSION | <p>Abstract should be rewritten to include corrections made in the text (see manuscript). The introduction should be more elaborate to include various studies on prevalence of psychological morbidities during epidemics and also their pathophysiology and consequences. Authors should shed more light on how their sample was randomly collected using social media.</p> <p>2. what are the psychometric properties of the DASS-21 and the modified form. 3. Is the instrument standardised for use in India</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The authors should review the results well. It is difficult to understand how more than 70% of the respondents from kerala had depression while less than 40% of them reported having any form of stress. 2. Only descriptive statistics was done on the data. Authors could employ services of a statistician to help with the analysis. <p>Discussion needs to be rewritten. ONLY 3 papers were cited by the authors throughout the discussion. Authors should do a thorough literature search that support the high levels of psychological morbidities reported in this study. Why were the authors repeating the writeup under results in the conclusion. There is no need to include various figures in the conclusion. Please, the authors should just write the pertinent findings under this section.</p> | |
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