

## Review Form 1.7

Journal Name:	<a href="#">Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science</a>
Manuscript Number:	Ms_JESBS_98096
Title of the Manuscript:	Mental Health Effects of COVID 19 Pandemic on Learners in Primary and Secondary Schools in Kenya
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>1. Generally, the COVID 19 pandemic has left a significant impact on the mental health of many young learners all over the world. It has disrupted the traditional learning environment, the young learners have to stay at home and limit the social interactions which led to the negative feelings such as loneliness, anxiety, depression and sadness. The researcher has highlighted this issue in the context of Kenya, the findings of the study could contribute to the future study such as intra country comparison of the impact of the pandemic.</p> <p>2. I would like to suggest an alternative title "The effects of COVID 19 pandemic on mental health of young learners in Kenya"</p> <p>3. It would be better to highlight the key findings in more scientific manner for example the percentage of the level anxiety and etc and the most significant determinant of the study</p> <p>4. The subsection and structure of the manuscript are acceptable.</p> <p>5. The manuscript is scientifically correct nevertheless there still have rooms of improvement. It will be more convincing if the elaboration of statements and the results have the consistency. For examples</p> <p>a. In the abstract the researcher did mention the respondents consisted of 96.5% are aged between 8 to 18 years old. Obviously, in the methodology section there is a missing data.</p> <p>b. Results based on percentage is inappropriate as the respondents were heterogeneous in terms of age, backgrounds and etc, based on the anxiety factor as an example 58.90% of the respondents are on the mild level, it is clearly showed the effect is not significant. Perhaps rechecking data should be taken.</p> <p>c. I would like to suggest that performance of each items counted based on mean. The mean table by Nunnally is a useful tool for the researcher to evaluate the quality of the scores.</p> <p>d. The references are sufficient and it would be better the important statements and findings are supported by the reference.</p>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p>	yes	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	The researcher has put great efforts in conducting this study, well done.	

### PART 2:

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Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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