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Difficulties of Families with Children and Adolescents with Psychiatric Disorders During the COVID-19 Outbreak: A Cross-Sectional Study

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1 Original submission

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Referee 1 Reviewer

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dear authors.
Thank you for your valuable efforts on this manuscript.
1_The manuscript should be reviewed by a native English speaker.
2_The validity and reliability of the methodology and questionnaires need to be explained.

malihe roozbakhsh Reviewer

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-The manuscript needs full revision. The authors should write it based on the criteria for writing a scientific article.

-Some sentences lack references. All sentences quoted from other articles must have references at the end of each sentence.

For example, the following sentence:
"The pandemic and these limitations are expected to result in a variety of consequences in children and adolescents."

Title and Abstract

-Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract.
Abstract (#1b): Provide an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found.
-The title should indicate that this is a cross-sectional study.
Introduction

-Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported.
Objectives (#3): State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses.
Methods

-Present key elements of study design early in the paper.
-Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection.
- Give the eligibility criteria and the sources and methods of selection of participants.
- Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria if applicable.
- For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group.
-Explain how the study size was arrived at.
-Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why.
- Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding.
-The inclusion and exclusion criteria are missing.
Results

-Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—e.g., numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analyzed. Give information

separately for exposed and unexposed groups if applicable.
- Give reasons for nonparticipation at each stage.
-Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (e.g., 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included.

Discussion

-Summarize key results with reference to study objectives.
- Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision. Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias.
-Give a cautious overall interpretation considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence.

Please ensure each of these items is adequately addressed in your manuscript.

Associate Editor

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Dear EIC,
Thanks to the authors and appreciation to the researchers. The manuscript presents valuable research. But some revisions are needed. The authors should revise it based on the comments. Also, minor changes should be made in the abstract:
1- The study design should be mentioned in the first line of the methods section of the ABSTRACT.
2-A summary of the statistical analysis results should be mentioned in the results section of the ABSTRACT.

Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Author,
Thank you for submitting the article. It needs some revision. Please revise it based on the reviewers' and AE's comments.

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Revision 1

AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

We sincerely thank the editor and reviewers for taking the time to review our manuscript and providing constructive feedback to improve our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript accordingly by following the reviewers' suggestion. Below shown are the comments from reviewers in black and our corresponding responses in yellow and red.

-The manuscript needs full revision. Authors should write it based on criteria of writing a scientific article.

Response: the article was modified according to the comment of respected reviewer.

-Some sentences lack references. All sentences quoted from other articles must have references at the end of themselves.

For example below sentences: The pandemic and these limitations are expected to result in a variety of consequences in children and adolescents.

The reference was added to the items that do not have references.

Title and Abstract

-Indicate the study's design with a commonly used term in the title or the abstract.

The research design was specified in the title and abstract

Abstract (#1b): Provide an informative and balanced summary of what was done and what was found.

The abstract was modified based on the comment

-The title should indicate that this is a cross-sectional study.

The title was modified based on the comment

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Introduction

-Explain the scientific background and rationale for the investigation being reported.
Objectives (#3): State specific objectives, including any prespecified hypotheses.
The background and logic of conducting the research have mentioned in detail in the introduction section.

Methods

-Present key elements of study design early in the paper.
-Describe the setting, locations, and relevant dates, including periods of recruitment, exposure, follow-up, and data collection.

The setting, location, and data collection were determined. Other items are not relevant for the type of present study (including follow-up, and assignment)

- Give the eligibility criteria and the sources and methods of selection of participants.
The eligibility criteria and the sources and methods of selection of participants were added.

- Clearly define all outcomes, exposures, predictors, potential confounders, and effect modifiers. Give diagnostic criteria if applicable.

The diagnostic criteria were determined
Other items (including outcomes, exposures, predictors, and effect modifiers, etc.) are not relevant in this study.
The potential confounder in this study is gender, which was considered in this study, and the results were conducted and reported separately

- For each variable of interest, give sources of data and details of methods of assessment (measurement). Describe comparability of assessment methods if there is more than one group.

- ✓ The method of measuring psychological disorders is mentioned.
- ✓ the questionnaire through which the problems of parents have been measured is also mentioned. It is explained in detail in another part.
- ✓ Comparability of assessment methods is not relevent in this study.

-Explain how the study size was arrived at.

The sample size formula was added

-Explain how quantitative variables were handled in the analyses. If applicable, describe which groupings were chosen and why.

Grouping methods are not relevant for this research.

- Describe all statistical methods, including those used to control for confounding.

The statistical methods used are explained and highlighted.

-The inclusion and exclusion criteria are missing.

The inclusion and exclusion criteria were added

Results

-Report numbers of individuals at each stage of study—e.g., numbers potentially eligible, examined for eligibility, confirmed eligible, included in the study, completing follow-up, and analyzed. Give information separately for exposed and unexposed groups if applicable.
-: Give reasons for non-participation at each stage.

The number of people in each stage of the research is mentioned in the method section. Other items are not relevent in the present study.

-Give unadjusted estimates and, if applicable, confounder-adjusted estimates and their precision (e.g., 95% confidence interval). Make clear which confounders were adjusted for and why they were included.

It is not relevent

Discussion

-Summarize key results with reference to study objectives.

The comment was implemented

- Discuss limitations of the study, taking into account sources of potential bias or imprecision.

Limitations are explained

Discuss both direction and magnitude of any potential bias.

-Give a cautious overall interpretation considering objectives, limitations, multiplicity of analyses, results from similar studies, and other relevant evidence.

The above items are discussed in the discussion and conclusion

Please ensure each of these items is adequately addressed in your manuscript.

Reviewer 2:

dear authors.

thanks for your valuable efforts for this manuscript.

1_the manuscript should be reviewed by a NAIVE ENGLISH.

The manuscript was edited

2_the methodology and questionnaires needs explains about validity, reliability

The information about the validity and reliability of the instruments was added

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Associate Editor's Comments:

Associate Editor 1:

Dear EIC,

Thanks to the authors and appreciation to the researchers. The manuscript is a valuable research. But some revisions are needed. Authors should revise it based on comments. Also minor changes should be done in abstract:

1- Study design should be mentioned in first line of method section of ABSTRACT

2-Summary of Statistical analysis results should be mention in result section of ABSTRACT.

The relevent comments were implemented

2 Revision 1

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Associate Editor

ACCEPT 10 Oct 2024

Dear EIC.
Previous errors have been corrected, and there are no further recommendations.

Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 10 Oct 2024

Dear AUTHOR,
We appreciate your attentiveness and prompt response to the reviewer's feedback.