Reviewer's report

Title: Evaluating the Prevalence and Associated Factors for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder in Turkish University Students

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Reviewer: Murat Emül

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Dear Editor in Chief,

The authors have designed an epidemiological study dealing with the relationship between socio-demographic and psychological data in students with OCD. It has acceptable English. I have some minor comments about this manuscript. I think this article has an importance in its field. After responding to these minor essential comments, I think this paper has value to be published.

• It is not clear how the verbal/physical abuse was detected. Did the authors use a questionnaire? Or a structured form? How was the assessment?
• To me it is not easy to say “staying in a dormitory or livings with their family were protective or living in a private dormitory has higher risk for OCD”. Because we can not know the real causality between OCD occurrence and staying situation, and which one was initiated first, temporally. Thus these sentences might suggest only associations or correlations (In results section and generally in text).
• Would you please discuss the insignificant relation between physical abuse and OCD while seeing a relation in verbal abuse and OCD?

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests'