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Title: Prevalence of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in Turkish University Students and Assessment of Associated Factors

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Question 1- Please include in the limitations not having asked specifically for streptococcal infections.

Question 2- taking the author’s response in consideration, I understand that the GHQ-12 has not been tested in OCD patients as to find out how OCD cases would score in this scale. Taking into account that students in University are relatively well to study and be away from their homes, any probable OCD case would not be severe, otherwise, they would not be studying. Not being severe, they may not have scored positively in GHQ. This suggests that the rate of OCD could have been higher if the GHQ were more sensitive to OCD cases.

Question 3- It is still not clear to me who performed the interviews. Were they psychiatrists? Medical students? Psychologists? When lay interviewers are trained, rates of psychiatric illness tend to be higher. Was there a Best Diagnosis Procedure? It would improve the methods section to have this more detailed. I could not find the 2 new columns in the tables regarding OCD features.