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Title: Psychometric Assessment of the Post-Secondary Student Stressors Index (PSSI)

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Reviewer: Ekaete Francis Asuquo

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1. Title: Well stated and in line with content
2. ABSTRACT: Identify post-secondary participants, location and sample size in which data were obtained from to develop the instrument.
3. Background: Well written with focus on subject matter and study intention identified.
4. Method: Resolve disparity in line 85-86: In your abstract tool for data collection were survey, FGD and individual interview
5. Line 86: "Result detailed elsewhere" specify if it is part of this study for clarity.
6. Line 88-89 identify the range of stressors: does high value correlate to higher level of stress? Say a little about the analysis.
7. Line 106-107: Were all your participants around you to complete preliminary version of PSSI on your desktop computer?
   1. Your readers need to understand why they have to be around your desktop and if they are students, how did you manage Hawthorne effect?
8. How many focus group session was conducted for this study and how did you analyse the findings from FDG
10. Discussion: good with identification of limitation

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