

# **Psychological disorders and coping among undergraduate college students: Advocating for students' counselling services at Kuwait University**

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**Supplementary Table S1. Subscales and scoring of the Depression Anxiety and Stress Scale-21 (DASS-21) and Brief-COPE Depression Anxiety and Stress Scale-21 (DASS-21)**

Subscales	Scoring		
	No Psychological Symptoms (0) Normal and Mild	Having Psychological Symptoms (1) Moderate, Severe, and Extremely Severe	
A) Depression	0-13	≥ 14	
B) Anxiety	0-9	≥ 10	
C) Stress	0-18	≥ 19	
Brief-COPE			
Subscales	Scoring		
	Low Coping (0-30%)	Medium Coping (>30-70%)	High Coping 
A) Problem-focused coping (0-32)			
1- Active coping			
2- Use of informational support	4 - 10	11 - 23	24 - 32
3- Positive reframing			
4- Planning			
B) Emotion-focused coping (0-48)			
1- Emotional support			
2- Venting			
3- Humour			
4- Acceptance	6 - 15	16 - 34	35 - 48
5- Self-blame			
6- Religion			
C) Avoidant coping (0-32)			
1- Self-distraction			
2- Substance use	4 - 10	11 - 23	24 - 32
3- Denial			
4- Behavioral disengagement			

**Supplementary Table S2.** Univariate analysis of baseline characteristics without the study outcomes.

Characteristic	No Depression 461 (40.4%)	p-value	No Stress 554 (48.5%)	p-value	No Anxiety 351 (30.7%)	p-value
<b>Age</b>						
< 20 years old	238 (51.6)	< 0.01*	279 (50.4)	< 0.01*	324 (49.4)	< 0.01*
> 20 years old	223 (48.4)		275 (49.6)		332 (50.6)	
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	154 (33.4)	< 0.01*	182 (32.9)	< 0.01*	203 (31.0)	< 0.01*
Female	307 (66.6)		372 (67.1)		453 (69.1)	
<b>Marital Status</b>						
Single	382 (82.8)		467 (84.3)		556 (84.8)	
Married	68 (14.8)	0.08	73 (13.2)	0.50	83 (12.7)	0.80
Divorced	10 (2.2)		13 (2.4)		16 (2.4)	
Widowed	1 (0.2)		1 (0.12)		1 (0.2)	
<b>Socioeconomic Status</b>						
Low	42 (9.1)	0.01*	54 (9.8)	0.01*	68 (10.4)	0.01*
Medium	373 (80.9)		447 (80.7)		525 (80.0)	
High	46 (10.0)		53 (9.6)		63 (9.6)	
<b>Nationality</b>						
Citizen	391 (84.8)	< 0.01*	471 (85.0)	< 0.01*	539 (82.2)	0.01*
Resident	70 (15.2)		83 (15.0)		117 (17.8)	
<b>Faculty</b>						
Education	153 (33.2)		179 (32.3)		188 (28.7)	
Sharia and Islamic Studies	34 (7.4)		50 (9.0)		55 (8.4)	
Business Administration	64 (13.8)	< 0.01*	71 (12.8)	< 0.01*	75 (11.4)	< 0.01*
Science	55 (11.9)		71 (12.8)		80 (12.2)	
Allied Health	103 (22.3)		128 (23.1)		185 (28.2)	
Engineering and Petroleum	52 (11.3)		55 (9.9)		73 (11.1)	
<b>Year of Study</b>						
First	152 (33.0)		190 (34.3)		220 (33.5)	
Second	143 (31.0)	0.01*	158 (28.5)	< 0.01*	182 (27.7)	0.05
Third	77 (16.7)		97 (17.5)		110 (16.8)	
Fourth	89 (19.3)		109 (19.7)		144 (22.0)	
<b>Medical Illness</b>						
Yes	69 (15.9)	< 0.01*	86 (15.5)	< 0.01*	107 (16.3)	< 0.01*
No	392 (85.0)		468 (84.5)		549 (83.7)	
<b>Family Problems</b>						
Yes	45 (9.8)	< 0.01*	74 (13.4)	< 0.01*	107 (16.3)	< 0.01*
No	416 (90.2)		480 (86.6)		549 (83.7)	
<b>Coping Strategy</b>						
Problem Focused						
Low	68 (14.8)	< 0.01*	71 (12.8)	< 0.01*	75 (11.4)	< 0.01*
Moderate	314 (68.1)		391 (70.6)		450 (68.6)	
High	79 (17.1)		92 (16.6)		131 (20.0)	
Emotion Focused						
Low	147 (31.9)	< 0.01*	156 (28.2)	< 0.01*	165 (25.2)	< 0.01*
Moderate	311 (67.5)		390 (70.4)		482 (73.5)	
High	3 (0.70)		8 (1.4)		9 (1.4)	
Avoidant						
Low	81 (17.6)	< 0.01*	87 (15.7)	< 0.01*	93 (14.2)	0.04*
Moderate	295 (64.0)		381 (68.8)		440 (67.1)	
High	85 (18.4)		86 (15.5)		123 (18.8)	

\* Statistically significant.