

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: LOCUS DE CONTROLE ET STRATEGIES DE COPING FACE AU STRESS ENGENDRE PAR LA PANDEMIE DE LA COVID-19 CHEZ LES IMMIGRES CLANDESTINS : ROLE DU SOUTIEN SOCIAL

Recommendation:

Accept as it is.....**YES**.....
 Accept after minor revision.....
 Accept after major revision
 Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality			√	
Techn. Quality		√		
Clarity		√		
Significance		√		

Reviewer's Name: Mir Jaffar

Reviewer's Decision about Paper: **Recommended for Publication.**

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

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Overall Evaluation

This article presents an important and timely examination of the coping mechanisms adopted by undocumented Sub-Saharan immigrants during the Covid-19 pandemic, focusing particularly on the role of internal locus of control and social support. The study offers a well-structured, theoretically grounded, and empirically substantiated contribution to psychological and migration-related research, with a specific emphasis on vulnerable populations during crises.

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Abstract Evaluation

The abstract provides a concise and coherent summary of the study. It outlines the research objective, methodology, psychometric tools used, and major findings. The language is precise, and the content appropriately highlights the paradoxical finding that individuals with an internal locus of control perceived higher stress during the pandemic, diverging from conventional expectations. This paradox is clearly presented as a thought-provoking conclusion that enriches the academic discourse on locus of control and adaptation.

Introduction Evaluation

The introduction effectively sets the context by highlighting the disproportionate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on undocumented immigrants. The section provides a comprehensive overview of the psychological, legal, and social constraints faced by this group. The framing of the research problem is grounded in both empirical observation and theoretical reasoning. The two hypotheses are clearly stated and logically derived from the literature review. The emphasis on the interplay between perceived control and coping mechanisms is highly relevant to both clinical and social psychology.

Theoretical Framework Evaluation

The section on the locus of control presents a robust theoretical grounding for the study. It offers a nuanced account of Rotter's theory, supported by multiple academic references and an interdisciplinary perspective. The discussion about the internal-external continuum and the role of perceived agency is well-articulated. The integration of more recent perspectives (e.g., Lefcourt, Touzani) adds depth and currency to the theoretical discussion. Furthermore, the explanation of how locus of control may influence coping style is presented clearly and supports the study's hypotheses effectively.

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Scientific Relevance

This research adds substantial value to the body of literature on psychological resilience, stress adaptation, and immigrant mental health. It is particularly notable for its focus on a population that is often excluded from formal studies due to their undocumented status. The methodological rigor—evidenced by the use of validated psychometric tools and a sizeable sample—enhances the reliability of the findings. The study also offers an insightful reinterpretation of traditional beliefs about internal control, especially in situations where external circumstances limit the effectiveness of self-agency.

Strengths

- Timely and socially relevant research subject.
 - Clear articulation of hypotheses and theoretical constructs.
 - Strong integration of theory and empirical data.
 - The use of a large and representative sample strengthens the generalizability of the findings.
 - High quality of academic writing and logical structuring of arguments.
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Conclusion

This manuscript provides a significant and nuanced exploration of how undocumented immigrants cope with health crises. By questioning standard assumptions around internal control and adaptive behavior, the study makes a unique contribution to the psychological literature on coping. Its interdisciplinary approach, combining social psychology, migration studies, and public health, makes it valuable across various domains of research and practice.