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FINAL REPORT 2022

Project: Mental health impact of COVID9 on university students aJWC and MU

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Dear Prof. Unhoff,

Thank you for the opportunity to be part of UMSAE/Pith the COVID-19 pandemic, we did not travel between UWC and MU. Instead, we completed astrostudyHerewith, our final report.

Our project focused on the mental health impact of COV9Don university students at UWC and MU respectively Prof Padmanabhanunni generated online survey covering a range of items regarding nowledge of the COVID-19 virus as well as ocioemotional functioning for administration both UWC and NU students

Prof Padmanabhanunacquired ethical clearance for project focusing exclusively on UWC students on 1st June 2020. This original project formed part of a collaboration with staff members in the Psychology Department and preceded UMSAEP. The surveigt witas ted via email to the student population beginning June 2020 and collection at UWC was completed in 2020. Therewere 341 responses.

Ethical clearance at **M** required a separate application and review of Hawley received ethical clearance February 2021Shedistributed the survey to UM students throug the campuswide MU Info email advertisement in March 2021. We had limited student responses so we reposted through the MU Info Ad system monthly through December. 20/2 had a total of 68 response The more limited student esponses to the surve at MU is disappointing and have stemmed from the lack of an incentive for vey completion. In order to make data collection practices parallel to those at UWC, we opted not to offer an incentive to NU students for survey completion. However, it is possible this decision led to a low response rate cause MU has multiple paid