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To: [Llew Mills](#)
Subject: MD Project Final Report - Your Student Results 2019 cohort
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Dear Llewellyn

We are pleased release the marking for **Michael O'Malley** MD Final Report that was submitted in 2021.

All students received this feedback last Monday, 16th May 2022.

Each report was graded by 2 or more academic staff. The overall cohort performance was: mean 72 +/- 10 (SD), median 74, max 92. The pass mark is 50.

All students will be invited to present their work at the Online MD Research Symposium to be held on 12th and 13th September 2022 (details announced soon). Supervisors are also invited to attend and especially encourage this if your student is chosen to give an Oral Presentation. Student attendance at the MD Research Symposium is compulsory for all Year 4 students as it is a requirement for MDMP5410.

Final Grade: 76

Comments provided by the examiners are provided below.

Marker 1 comments:

The abstract is concise, complete and well written. The student provides a clear understanding of the context, rationale and background to the study with respect to understanding risk factors for CUD for those who use medicinal cannabis. Within space limitations, there is a good summary of the existing literature. Use of the first person should be avoided in scientific writing (e.g. "I identified only two studies based on surveys..."). It would also have been helpful to discuss the strength of evidence in the field (e.g. how reliable was the survey data obtained on which published data is based). Methods Again use of the first person should be avoided in describing the methods. There are small errors in referencing (reference [6] on page 9 should be [16]). Although the survey methods have been previously published, more detail could be provided as relevant to this particular study. Sources of bias should be mentioned relative to the strength of data collection (e.g. sampling bias from an anonymous survey). Results The results are comprehensively described, with appropriate statistical analysis and a good summary of key findings. Discussion The author provides a clear and logical discussion with an appropriate interpretation of the findings and limitations.

Marker 2 comments:

Candidate's report on Correlates of Cannabis Use Disorder in Australian Medical Cannabis Users was easy to read. The amount of work that has gone into the literature review and gaining ability to use R to perform regression analysis was noticeable and is to be applauded. Few points to improve include: - Abstract was succinctly well written. Aim of the study however was missing. - Lots of original statistics (especially odds ratios) were presented without confidence intervals, which I thought was unusual. - There were a few sentences that should have had references but not presented. - Methods did not have ethics details of the original study. - Very good description of the literature search including the keywords used and database - Detailed description of the variables using table format and

similarly for the questions asked was good. - More in-depth explanation of potential bias and confounding would have improved quality of critical discussion - It is unusual to see 1st person pronoun in a scientific report. Well done on well-written report on an interesting topic.

Thank you for all your hard work.

Kind Regards

The MD Project Team

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