The study entitled “The Mental Health Impact of COVID-19 Related Racial Discrimination Modified by Ethnic Identity in Asian Pacific Islander Desi American College Students” tries to examine the association of COVID-19 related racial discrimination on the mental health of Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) college students and the moderating role of ethnic identity in this relationship. The method (analysis) should be explained clearly in the abstract and the regression model-building approach for ease of understanding. The authors should rewrite their Introduction and Discussion to focus on school-going people. The conclusion in the abstract needs to be rewritten. In addition,

1. The title is not clear; I will suggest to rephrase the title.

2. A little discussion was observed in the introduction about students.

3. Reviewers recommended reducing objectives/gap numbers or reducing them to a specific objective.

4. “Subgroup differences were evaluated using Chi-square and t-test analyses and the East Asian subgroup was used as a reference group because they are the largest and most-studied ethnic group of Asian Americans.” Please explain, when you used the Chi-square test and when the t-test.

5. “We calculated bivariate correlations among the study variables to understand their underlying associations and ensure the absence of collinearity.” Please explain, how you calculate it and why. Is it a multicollinearity test or only correlations?

6. “The highest correlation was observed between sexual orientation and depression (Spearman’s rho = 0.27, p < .001); those who identified as LGBQ+ were more likely to also experience higher symptoms of depression.” Please replace it in the results section.  
7. “The mean total score for ethnic identity for the overall sample 225 was 20.0 (SD = 5.3), with a range from 19.5 (SD = 5.6) among Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander students”. The use of “with a range from” range is missing in the whole results part.

8. “Multivariate”, use multivariable in the full manuscript.

9. There is a great deal of room for improvement in both writing and grammar. I advise the authors to work with a writing coach or copy editor to improve the flow and readability of the text.

10. The authors just describe the model’s name but it is unclear how the multivariate linear regression model was established such as which method was followed (i.e.; forward entry, backward selection, enter method, etc.) or on what basis regressors were chosen to build the final model. Any model evaluation methods were applied like AUROC/AIC/BIC?  
11. In the discussion section, the authors attempted to explain their findings from a broad standpoint in which students' terms are absent.