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Analysis of the psycho-emotional impact of the COVID-19 pandemic among nursing professionals

Análisis del impacto psicoemocional de la pandemia del COVID-19 entre los profesionales de enfermería

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ABSTRACT:

Introduction: The 2019 new coronavirus disease was diagnosed in December 2019 in Wuhan (China), declaring a global pandemic in March. Epidemics generate fear, anxiety and anguish amongst the general population, and amongst health personnel (especially in nursing), the COVID-19 pandemic has been no exception. The objective of the study was to analyze the psycho-emotional impact of COVID-19 among nurses in the province of Huesca.

Methods: Descriptive cross-sectional study, approved by the Ethics Committee. With prior informed consent, anonymously and voluntarily, the participants filled out a questionnaire on psychological symptoms, using the DASS-21© scale, the ISI©, the MBI© and the FCV 19S© scales, also collecting sociodemographic, professional and COVID-19 associated variables.

Results: The sample consisted of 196 nurses. 16,8% presented depression, 46,4% anxiety, 22,4% stress and 77,6% insomnia, with higher levels amongst the eldest, permanently employed, more experienced nurses, risk comorbidities, less leisure and more hours of work. Psychological Exhaustion (Burnout Syndrome) was detected in 50,5% and fear of coronavirus-19 in 46,9%, variables such as having a position in a COVID-19 unit, more experienced, being a Specialized Care Nurse and not living with family members, triggered greater symptomatology. Regression analyzes showed that the COVID-19 infection was a common risk factor.

Conclusions: The SARS CoV-2 health crisis has generated a relevant psychological impact among nursing staff. Therefore, they should be offered psychological support to reduce it and thus ensure their mental health and the valuable care they provide.

Keywords: COVID-19; Nursing staff; Mental health; Sleep Initiation and Maintenance Disorders; Burnout Psychological Exhaustion; Fear.

RESUMEN:

Introducción: La enfermedad por el nuevo coronavirus 2019 se diagnosticó en diciembre de 2019 en Wuhan (China), declarándose en marzo pandemia mundial. Las epidemias generan miedo, ansiedad y angustia en la población general, y entre el personal sanitario (especialmente en enfermería), la pandemia del COVID-19 no ha sido una excepción.

Objetivo: El objetivo del estudio fue analizar el impacto psicoemocional del COVID-19 entre los enfermeros de la provincia de Huesca.

Métodos: Estudio descriptivo transversal, aprobado por el Comité Ético. Previo consentimiento informado, anónima y voluntariamente, los participantes diligenciaron un cuestionario sobre síntomas psicológicos, sirviéndose de la escala DASS-21©, del ISI©, del MBI© y de la FCV 19S©, recopilando además variables sociodemográficas, profesionales y asociadas al COVID-19.

Resultados: La muestra se conformó por 196 enfermeros. El 16,8% presentaron depresión, el 46,4% ansiedad, el 22,4% estrés y el 77,6% insomnio, con mayores niveles entre los enfermeros de más edad, fijos, con mayor experiencia, comorbilidades de riesgo, menos ocio y más horas de trabajo. Se detectó burnout en el 50,5% y miedo al coronavirus-19 en el 46,9%, variables como tener el puesto en una unidad COVID-19, más experiencia, ser Enfermero de Atención Especializada y no convivir con familiares, desencadenaron mayor sintomatología. Los análisis de regresión mostraron que la infección por COVID-19 constituyó un factor de riesgo común.

Conclusiones: La crisis sanitaria del SARS CoV-2 ha generado un relevante impacto psicológico entre enfermería. Por ello, se les debería ofrecer apoyo psicológico para reducirlo y así asegurar su salud mental y los valiosos cuidados que otorgan.

Palabras clave: COVID-19; Personal de Enfermería; Salud mental; Trastornos del Inicio y del Mantenimiento del Sueño; Agotamiento Psicológico; Miedo.

INTRODUCTION

Background and current status of the issue

On December 31, 2019, the Wuhan Municipal Health and Sanitation Commission (Hubei, China) reported an outbreak of 27 cases of pneumonia of unknown etiology^(1,2). On January 7, 2020, the Chinese authorities identified it as the causative agent of the outbreak of a new type of virus from the Coronaviridae family, which would later be officially named Coronavirus type 2 that causes Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease infected by this virus would be called Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)^(2,3).

The new coronavirus spread very quickly across all continents, generating the largest outbreak of atypical pneumonia in the world⁽¹⁾. In Spain, the first case of COVID-19 was notified in Palma de Mallorca, on January 31, 2020 and the first positive case was confirmed in Aragon on March 5, 2020; spreading rapidly throughout the country^(1,3). Due to its rapid expansion, the World Health Organization (WHO) on January 30, 2020, declared the outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Interest (ESPII), to name it afterwards on March 11, 2020, a Pandemic^(1,2,4). The COVID-19 pandemic has put the health system of many countries to the test and, of course, the Spanish health system as well⁽⁴⁾. In order to face the matter, many of the governments have applied exceptional emergency measures, specifically, the Spanish government on March 14,

they decreed a state of alarm to manage the situation, imposing severe measures of confinement, quarantine and social isolation^(2,4). With more than 209 million confirmed cases and more than 4 million deaths worldwide, SARS CoV-2 has become an unprecedented health crisis, which has demonstrated high person-to-person transmissibility, involving infections in health professionals and therefore a high risk of spread^(5,6).

It has been shown that health security crises often generate stress and/or anguish amongst the general population, as well as amongst health personnel, by feeling fear of acquiring the virus and dying as a result of the infection^(1,4), this in addition to the fact that according to data provided by the Ministry of Health, Consumer Affairs and Social Welfare, just 13 days after declaring the state of alarm in Spain, cases among health professionals constituted 14% of the total of those infected, which triggered relentlessly among these workers a great concern about the high risk of possible infection to which they are exposed⁽⁷⁾.

After declaring the WHO a COVID-19 pandemic, various investigations have come to light on its effects on the mental health of health personnel, as evidence of this, several authors point out that health workers frequently fear spreading the infection to their family members, friends and/or colleagues and, likewise, they experience symptoms of anxiety, stress, anguish, depression or clinical insomnia, that in turn has long-term psychological repercussions^(1,3-7). Due to all of this beyond the medical risk, the psychological impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has generated is truly indisputable⁽⁸⁻¹⁰⁾.

In Spain, the first study that explored the psycho-emotional impact of SARS-CoV-2 on health personnel was carried out by *Dosil Santamaría M (and others)*, stating that the pandemic caused symptoms of anxiety, depression, stress and insomnia among them⁽¹⁰⁾. Another of the investigations carried out in our country was that of *Erquicia (and others)*, after identifying an important outbreak of COVID-19 in Catalonia (specifically in the Conca de Ódena region), corroborating that a significant percentage of health professionals from the hospital of that region suffered serious psychological distress, especially the nursing staff⁽¹¹⁾.

During the current pandemic, nursing professionals have experienced unprecedented patient death rates, even within a profession in which death is expected, at the same time they have had to face difficult working conditions, such as long working hours, healthcare overload, reduction of social contact, among others, all constituting a perfect storm of circumstances that put their physical health, mental health, well-being and also their ability to do their job at risk, accelerating the appearance of symptoms of anxiety, fear, depression and/or post-traumatic stress disorder^(4,12-14). As a reflection of this, various articles have been published that have explored the psychological health and emotional well-being of nursing staff during COVID-19, reaffirming in all of them serious negative consequences of the pandemic on their mental health: anxiety, stress, etc.^(7,9,11,12-14).

In response to this, several recent investigations agree in pointing out that it is very important to protect the mental health of health professionals, since it is essential in the adequate fight against the virus, and at the same time to maintain their health, safety and well-being: "*take care of the one who takes care of others*"^(3,4,7,10,12,13).

Study justification

Although there are several systematic reviews that are published they have reflected an increase in the widespread presence of stress, anxiety, depression, insomnia, compassion fatigue or burnout syndrome (Psychological Exhaustion) among healthcare professionals during the SARS CoV-2 virus pandemic^(1,3,7), there are few studies focused on the psychological well-being of the personnel, since researchers have focused mainly on clinical or epidemiological aspects of the virus; paying less attention to the psychosocial effects and/or the impact of the current COVID-19 disease pandemic has on the mental health of different vulnerable population groups^(1,3,14-18). The lack of attention to the psycho-emotional impact of the pandemic on a sensitive population, such as the nursing personnel located on the front lines of the struggle, has been the main reason for conducting the present study^(14,16).

Reviewing articles published about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the mental health of health professionals, we detected that most were carried out in China (the well-known epicenter of the pandemic), studies on this topic are quite limited in our country⁽¹⁶⁻¹⁹⁾, in addition, specifically in the Healthcare Section of Huesca and Barbastro; there is no evidence of any work regarding this topic, all of this has encouraged us to direct our study towards exploring mental health before the pandemic of nurses in that region. To point out that there is now an urgent need to first investigate the repercussions that COVID-19 is having on the mental health of nurses, and following the final results, generate interventions that protect their mental health and emotional well-being, in order to avoid all the problems listed above having an impact on the quality of care that these professionals provide to their patients, with the maps of mental health problems (our study) being useful tools for the design of these plans^(7,10,13).

The general objective of this study was to analyze the psycho-emotional impact caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on the nurses who provide healthcare to patients during the SARS-CoV-2 virus outbreak in some of the health care centers in the province of Huesca by answering an online questionnaire. The specific objectives have been to determine their degree of depression, anxiety, stress, insomnia, burnout and fear of COVID-19, in addition to analyzing whether there were statistically significant differences between the dependent variables based on the different independent variables collected.

MATERIAL AND METHOD

Type of study, setting and target population

It is a descriptive cross-sectional study. The study scope was made up of Primary Care Nursing, Specialized Nursing and Social Healthcare Centers. The target population was made up of Nurses from Primary, Continuous, Specialized healthcare from Social and Healthcare Centers. It was also made up of Specialists and Resident Internal Nurses, who work for healthcare or management work during the SARS CoV-2 pandemic in some of the healthcare centers of the province of Huesca.

Sample size and sample selection criteria

The sample size was calculated based on the census of registered nurses (1510), establishing the representative sample at 179 nurses.

Inclusion criteria: nursing professionals who were active during the COVID-19 pandemic, working in healthcare and/or management work in some of the health centers in the province of Huesca. They read on the institutional website of the Official College of Nursing in Huesca, the explanatory text of the study, its information sheet and voluntarily granted their consent to participate.

Study variables

Independent variables: the independent variables of interest were obtained through an “ad hoc” questionnaire, a total of 16 were collected, distributed in 3 groups: 5 sociodemographic variables (age, sex, marital status, children and number of hours of leisure time available a week), 7 professional variables (profession, nursing specialty, type of contract, years of work experience, working hours, job and working hours per month) and 4 variables associated to COVID-19 (living with family members during the pandemic due to COVID-19, work position located in a unit of care for patients with SARS CoV-2, presence of comorbidity risk for COVID-19 and current or past COVID-19 infection) (Annex I).

Dependent variables: a total of 52 variables were collected, obtained through 4 questionnaires: the DASS-21© scale composed of 21 variables to assess the presence and degree of depression, anxiety and stress^(10,11,14,16), the ISI© index formed by 7 variables to evaluate the presence and degree of insomnia^(3,16-18), the MBI© inventory structured in 17 variables to evaluate the presence and degree of Emotional Fatigue (EF) and Personal Realization (PR)^(16,19,20) and the FCV-19S© scale made up of 7 variables to assess the presence of fear of coronavirus-19 (1) (Annex II).

Data collection and instruments used

The methodological tool used to analyze the psycho-emotional impact was a self-administered online, anonymous and voluntary questionnaire, released on the institutional website of the Official College of Nursing in Huesca, designed through the Google Forms platform^(1,8). Participants were asked to submit their answers between April 14 and May 31, 2021. Afterwards, these answers were uploaded to an Excel database, and then sent to the JAMOVI® program.

The questionnaire designed specifically for this study contained 5 blocks, the first block asked about sociodemographic, professional and COVID-19-associated characteristics of the sample, and the other 4 blocks consisted of 52 questions from 4 validated scales with robust psychometric properties: the DASS© scale, FCV-19S©, the ISI© index and the MBI© inventory^(3,16,17):

- Scale of depression, anxiety and stress (Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale, DASS-21©): this scale was validated in several studies, languages and countries^(3,8,10,20). *Chew NWS (and others)*, *Tan BYQ (and others)* and *Wang C (and others)*, have already used it to investigate the psychological responses of health workers in the COVID-19 pandemic^(3,16,17). The DASS-21© consists of 21 items, which are distributed into 3 subscales, with 7 questions each. Each item is valued from 0 to 3 being: Never = 0; Sometimes = 1; Almost always = 2 and Always = 3. It offers a total score between 0 and 42 points, and the results must be interpreted by subscale. Depression subscale: 0-9 = Normal; 10-12 = Mild depression; 13-20 = Moderate depression; 21-27 = Severe depression and 28-42 points = Extremely severe depression. Anxiety subscale: 0-6 =

Normal; 7-9 = Mild anxiety; 10-14 = Moderate anxiety; 15-19 = Severe anxiety and 20-42 points = Extremely severe anxiety. Stress subscale: 0-10 = Normal; 11-18 = mild stress; 19-26 = Moderate stress; 27-34 = Severe stress; 35-42 = Extremely severe stress^(8,11,16,20).

- Insomnia Severity Index (ISI[®]): previous studies support that both the English and Spanish versions have good psychometric properties^(3,21). *Kang L (and others), Lai J (and others) and Zhang W (and others)*, used it in their research on the mental health of healthcare personnel during SARS CoV-2^(3,6,18,21). It is a simple, short questionnaire, made up of 7 items. To rate them, a 5-point Likert scale is used, which are valued: Items 1, 2 and 3: Nothing = 0; Mild = 1; Moderate = 2; Serious = 3 and Very serious = 4. Item 4: Very satisfied = 0; Satisfied = 1; Neutral = 2; Not very satisfied = 3 and Very dissatisfied = 4. Items 5, 6 and 7: Not at all = 0; A little = 1; Something = 2; Much = 3; and Very Much = 4. The total score obtained is from 0 to 28 points: Absence of insomnia = 0-7; Mild insomnia = 8-14; Moderate insomnia = 15-21 and severe insomnia = 22-48 points^(16,18,21).

- Maslach Burnout Inventory (Maslach Burnout Inventory, MBI[®]): this has been the most widely used validated instrument by the research community to assess Burnout Syndrome (BS) in different healthcare contexts^(3,17,22). It consists of 22 items that are valued with a Likert scale that goes from Never = 0, to Everyday = 6, it has 3 subscales: EF, PF and Depersonalization. In the present study, its adaptation to Spanish by *N. Seisdedos* was used, using only 2 subscales: EF and PR⁽²²⁾. EF subscale: offers a total score between 0-54 points, a score greater than 26 would indicate signs of SB, the degree of SB is interpreted as follows: low level = 0-18; medium = 19-26 and high = 27-54. PR subscale: the maximum score is 48, a score lower than 34 would already indicate possible SB, the degree of SB is interpreted as follows: low level = 0-33; medium = 34-39 and high = 40-48 points^(16,19,20).

- Scale of fear of COVID-19 (Fear of COVID-19 Scale, FCV-19S[®]): this scale was created a short time ago (March 2020) by *Ahorsu DK (and others)*. Its authors reported that it is a very valid and reliable instrument to assess fear of COVID-19^(1,3). For our study, the translation of *Monterrosa Castro A (and others)*⁽¹⁾ was chosen. Each question is answered Likert type with 5 options that assign the points as follows: Totally disagree = 1; Disagree = 2; Neither agree nor disagree = 3; Agree = 4; Strongly agree = 5. According to published evidence, the study considered the first 3 options as negative responses (not fear of COVID-19) and the other 2 as positive (yes fear)⁽¹⁾.

Statistical analysis of the data

The data was analyzed using the JAMOV[®] statistical program. Qualitative variables were presented by absolute frequency distribution and in %. The only quantitative variable (age) was explored with the Kolmogorov-Smirnov conformity test, which was expressed using indicators of central tendency and dispersion: the average and Standard Deviation (SD), and since it did not follow a normal distribution, it was also presented by median and quartiles. The association between the result variables (the total sum) and the rest of the variables was investigated by means of hypothesis contrast tests as these variables did not follow a normal distribution, by comparing proportions when they were qualitative (chi-square, Fisher's exact test), with comparisons of distributions when they were quantitative and by a non-parametric test (Mann-Whitney U test or Kruskal-Wallis test). The statistical analysis was completed by executing

multivariate logistic regression models taking as dependent variables the total sum of the DASS-21[®], ISI[®], MBI[®] and FCV-19S[®], and as independent variables those that were significantly simple or which, could turn out to be confusing variables. To carry out the analysis, all polycotomic variables were transformed into dichotomous variables. The effects were considered significant if $p < 0,05$, and the p values were two-tailed^(5,21,23).

Ethical-legal considerations of the study

This study was carried out in compliance with the requirements of Law 14/2007, of July 3, on Biomedical Research and the applicable ethical principles. The ethical approval of the study was granted by the Research Ethics Committee of the Autonomous Community of Aragon (CEICA) reflected in its act nº 07/2021.

RESULTS

Descriptive analysis of the independent variables

The sample was made up of 196 participants who filled out the online questionnaire. The data of the independent sociodemographic variables show that of the 196 participating nurses: 39 were men (19,9%) and 157 women (80,1%). The age of these nurses ranged between 22 and 65 ($42,94 \pm 12,04$) years. More than half were married ($n=100$, 51,0%) and had children ($n=120$, 61,2%), on the other hand, 77 of them (39,3%) said they had between 7-14 leisure time weekly hours.

Regarding the results of the independent professional variables, most of the participating nurses belonged to the Specialized Care setting ($n = 84$, 44,4%), followed by the Primary Care setting ($n = 43$, 21,9%). According to the specialty developed by the respondents, the data obtained showed that most of the specialist nurses, specifically 30,4% were studying and/or developing the specialty of Obstetric-Gynecological Nursing, 21,7% the specialty of Mental Health and 19,6% were studying the Specialty of Family and Community Nursing. About 50% of the respondents had a permanent job ($n=97$, 49,5%). Most of the participating nurses had work experience of more than 10 years ($n=136$, 69,4%), with 40,8% of the sample ($n=80$) having more than 20 years of professional experience. On the other hand, the vast majority indicated having a working schedule consisting of a combination of several shifts ($n=133$, 67.9%) and performing healthcare work ($n=157$, 80,1%). Regarding the monthly hours of work, a large part of the nurses affirmed that they work the hours that are established as a normal work day ($n=122$, 62,2%).

The results obtained in the independent variables associated to COVID-19 showed that more than 50% of the nurses in the sample lived with relatives during the COVID-19 pandemic ($n=144$, 73,5%). Most of the Specialized healthcare Nurses (SHN) indicated that their work position was located in a unit of care for patients with COVID-19 ($n=77$, 64,2%). In contrast to this, only 36,7% ($n=72$) of the sample said they had a comorbidity risk for the SARS CoV-2 virus, along with the fact that only 32,1% ($n=63$) said they currently suffer or have suffered from the COVID-19 infection (Table 1).

Table 1: Description of the independent variables.

Independent variable	Description of the variable	N = 196	
		n	%
1. Age	Under 29 years	34	17,4
	Between 30 and 59 years	140	71,3
	60 years or older	22	11,3
	Average (standard deviation)	42,94 (12,04)	
	Median	42,00	
	First quartile; third quartile	32,75;54,00	
2. Gender	Female	157	80,1
	Male	39	19,9
3. Marital status	Single	67	34,2
	Married	100	51,0
	Divorced	21	10,7
	Widowed	8	4,1
4. Living with family members during the COVID-19 pandemic	No	52	26,5
	Yes	144	73,5
5. Children	No	76	38,8
	Yes	120	61,2
6. Profession	Primary Care Nursing	43	21,9
	Continuing Care Nurse	23	11,7
	Specialized Healthcare Nurse	87	44,4
	Nurse at Social Healthcare Centers	14	7,1
	Nurse Specialist	19	9,7
	Internal Resident Nurse	10	5,1
7. Nursing specialty (Nurse Specialist and Resident Intern Nurse)	Specialist in Geriatric Nursing	5	10,9
	Obstetric-Gynecological Nursing Specialist	14	30,4
	Mental Health Nursing Specialist	10	21,7
	Family and Community Nursing Specialist	9	19,6
	Pediatric Nursing Specialist	3	6,5
	Medical-Surgical Care Specialist	4	8,7
	Occupational Nurse Specialist	1	2,2
8. Workstation located in a COVID-19 unit	No	43	35,8
	Yes	77	64,2
9. Type of contract	Prospective	38	19,4
	Substitute	22	11,2
	Interim	39	19,9
	Permanent	97	49,5
10. Years of work experience	Less than 1 year	4	2,0
	Between 1 and 10 years	56	28,6
	Between 10 and 20 years	56	28,6
	More than 20 years	80	40,8
11. Work shift	Mornings	47	24,0
	Afternoon	5	2,6
	To be on duty the whole day- 24 hour service	11	5,6
	Combination of several	133	67,9
12. Type of Duty	Assistance	157	80,1
	Assistance and management	34	17,3
	Exclusively Tracking	5	2,6
13. Presence of comorbidity	I do not have a pathology risk	124	63,3

risk for COVID-19	I do have a pathology risk	72	36,7
14. COVID-19 infection (past or present)	No	133	67,9
	Yes	63	32,1
15. Working hours per month	Less hours than the ordinary day	17	8,7
	Same amount of hours as an ordinary day	122	62,2
	More hours than an ordinary day	37	18,9
	Same amount of hours as a complementary day	3	1,5
	More hours than a complementary day	17	8,7
16. Number of leisure time hours per week	Less than 7 hours per week	46	23,5
	Between 7 and 14 hours a week	77	39,3
	Between 14 and 21 hours a week	56	28,6
	More than 21 hours per week	17	8,7

Descriptive analysis of the dependent variables

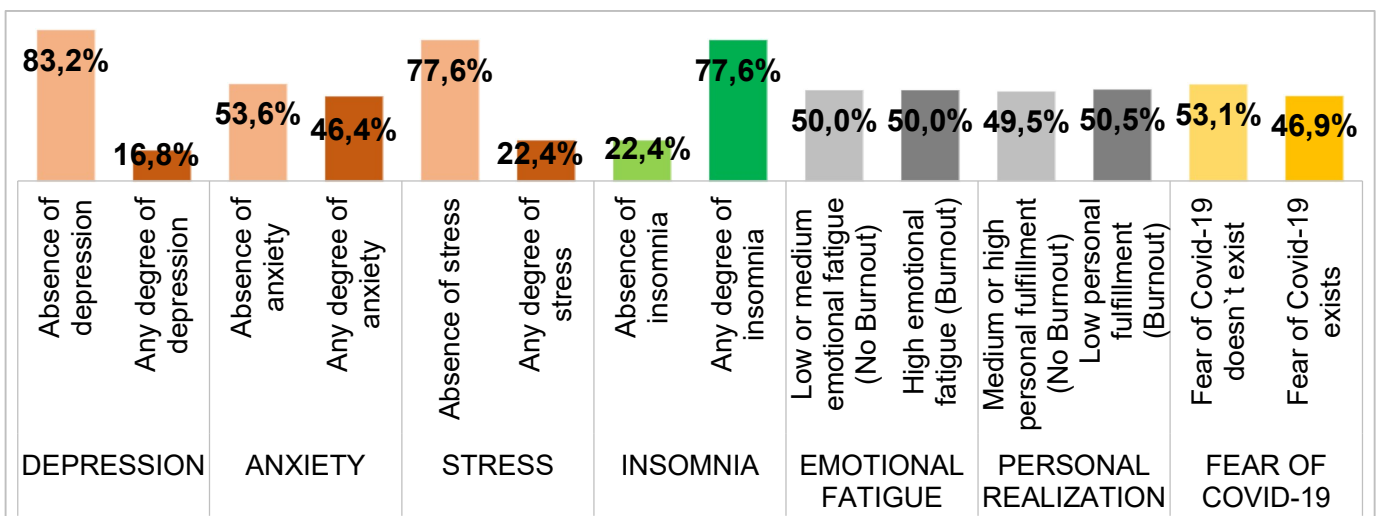
Using the predefined cut-off points in the DASS-21© scale scoring system for the purpose of evaluating the degree of depression, anxiety and stress among the nurses under study, we found depression in 33 (16,8 %), anxiety in 91 (46,4%) and stress in 44 (22,4%). The average score on the DASS-21© depression subscale was 6,46. Of the 33 nurses who tested positive for depression, 66,7% (n=22) were classified as moderate to severe depression. The general average score on the DASS-21© anxiety subscale was 6,50. Of the 91 respondents who tested positive for anxiety, 40,7% (n=37) showed moderate to extremely severe anxiety. In terms of the DASS-21© stress subscale, the average score was 8,52 points, with moderate stress in 8 of the 44 nurses (18,2%) who were positive. In order to study the degree of insomnia in the sample of nurses, based on the criteria of the ISI© index, we were able to detect insomnia in 152 (77,6%). Being the average general score in the ISI© of 12,82. Of the 152 who tested positive for insomnia, 55,9% (n = 85) had moderate to severe insomnia. Using the predefined cut-off points in the MBI© inventory scoring system in order to assess the presence of BS among the nurses object of our study, we observed a high EF in 98 (50,0%) and a low PR in 99 (50,5%) of them, both results reflecting signs of SB. The average score on the EF MBI© subscale was 28,84, and 32,30 on the PR MBI© subscale. Using the cut-off points established on the FCV-19S© scale with the aim of evaluating fear of COVID-19 among the sample, we detected fear in 92 (46,9%), with the mean score on the FCV-19S© scale of 21,54 points (Table 2, Graph 1).

Table 2: Description of the dependent variables

Dependent variable	Description of variable	N = 196	
		n	%
Sum of depression	Normal (absence of depression)	163	83,2
	Mild depression	11	5,6
	Moderate depression	16	8,1
	Severe depression	6	3,1
Sum of anxiety	Normal (absence of anxiety)	105	53,6
	Mild anxiety	54	27,6
	Moderate anxiety	25	12,8
	Severe anxiety	3	1,5
	Extremely severe anxiety	9	4,5
Sum of stress	Normal stress (no stress)	152	77,6

	Mild stress	36	18,4
	Moderate stress	8	4,0
Sum of Insomnia	Normal (absence of insomnia)	44	22,4
	Mild insomnia	67	34,2
	Moderate insomnia	69	35,2
	Severe insomnia	16	8,2
Sum of Emotional Fatigue (EF)	Low or medium emotional fatigue (absence of burnout)	98	50,0
	High emotional fatigue (signs of burnout)	98	50,0
Sum of Personal Fulfillment (PR)	Medium or high personal fulfillment (absence of burnout)	97	49,5
	Low personal fulfillment (signs of burnout)	99	50,5
Sum of the fear of COVID-19	No fear of COVID-19	104	53,1
	Fear of COVID-19 exists	92	46,9

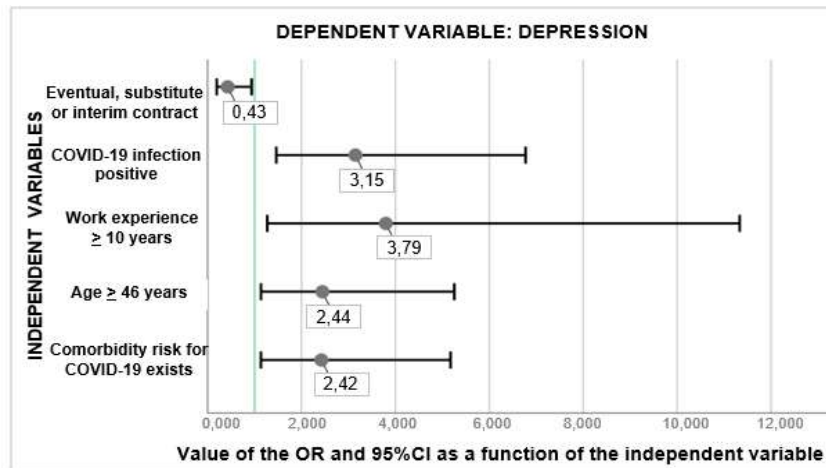
Graph 1: Psycho-emotional impact of COVID-19 among the sample (N = 196).



Univariate and multivariate regression analysis for variables related to depression, anxiety, stress, burnout (EF, PF) and fear of COVID-19

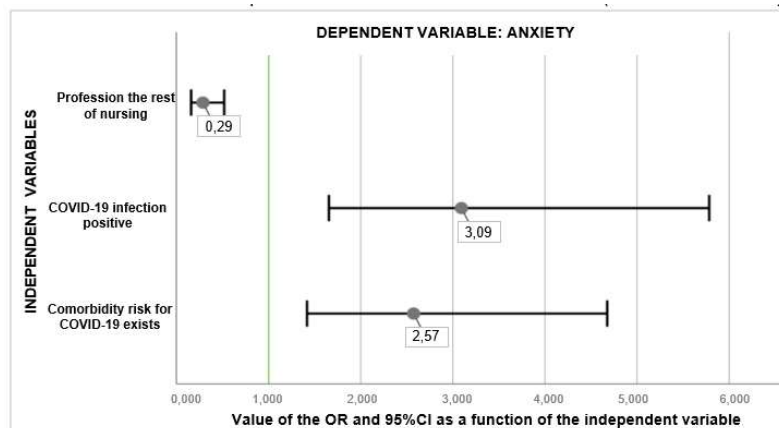
In order to analyze whether there were statistically significant differences between the dependent variables based on the independent variables, univariate and multivariate regression analysis were performed, taking as dependent variables the sum of (new variables created from the results obtained in each of the scales). A total of 29 variables showed statistical significance in the univariate model, 18 of them being confirmed in the multivariate analysis, detecting a new significant difference not previously seen (Annex III). The results of the univariate are shown in 7 graphs below:

Graph 2: Independent variables related to depression



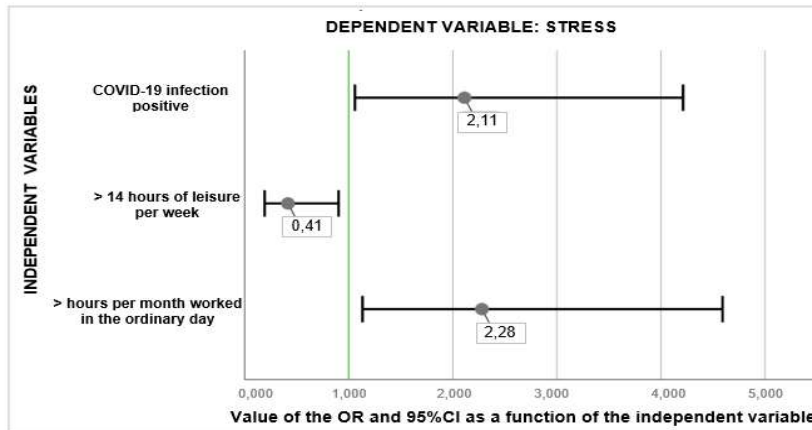
Nurses who have suffered or are suffering from COVID-19 infection, with work experience of more than 10 years, with an age greater than or equal to 46 years and who have comorbidity risk for COVID-19, have a higher risk of presenting depression. However, those who have a temporary, substitute or interim contract have a lower risk of presenting depression, being a protective factor (Graph 2).

Graph 3: Independent variables related to anxiety



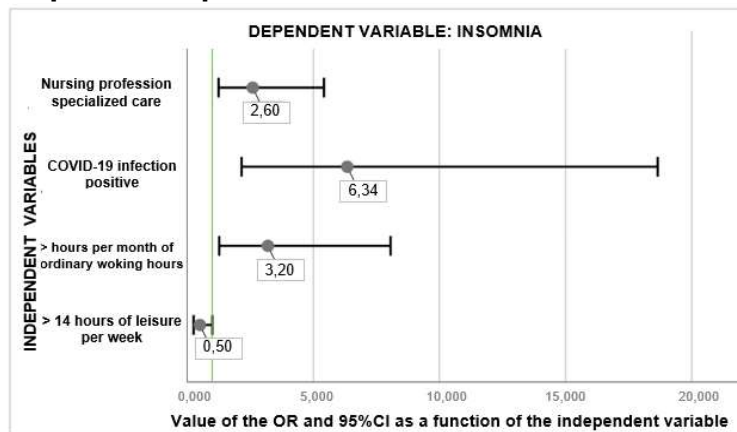
Nurses who suffer or have suffered from COVID-19 and who present risk comorbidity for the virus have a higher risk of presenting anxiety, compared to those who are not specialized care nurse who have a lower risk of anxiety (Graph 3).

Graph 4: Independent variables related to stress



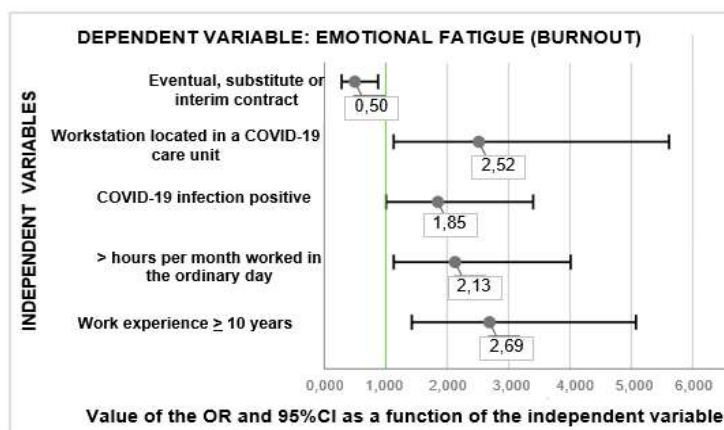
Nurses who suffer or have suffered from the COVID-19 infection and who work more hours per month than the ordinary day, have a higher risk of having stress, both of which are risk factors. In contrast, those who have more leisure hours per week have a lower risk of suffering stress (Graph 4).

Graph 5: Independent variables related to insomnia



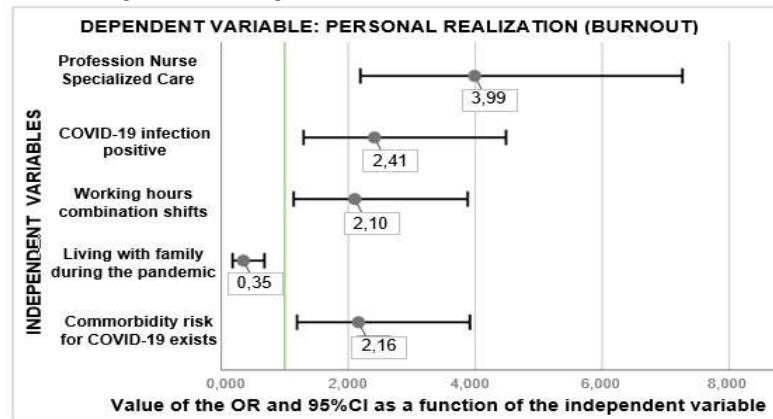
Nurses who suffer or have suffered from COVID-19, who work more hours per month than the ordinary day and who are specialized care nurse, have a greater risk of having insomnia, however those who have more leisure have a lower risk (Graph 5).

Graph 6: Independent variables related to EF



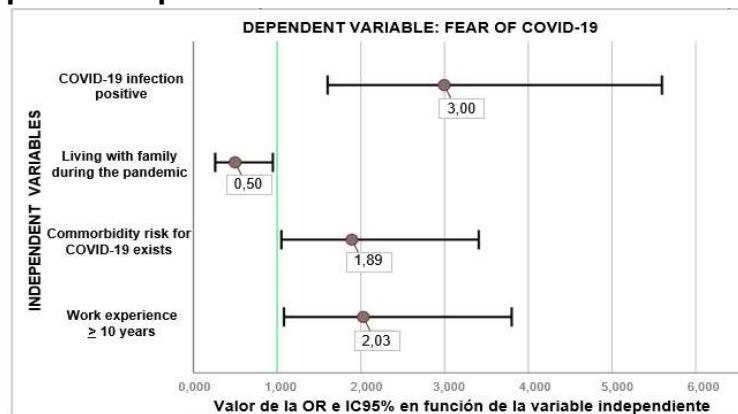
Nurses who have suffered or suffer from COVID-19, with work experience of more than 10 years, who work more hours per month than the ordinary day and whose job is in a COVID-19 unit, have a greater risk of presenting high EF (SB), however those that are not fixed have lower risk (Graph 6).

Graph 7: Independent variables related to PR.



Nurses who have suffered or are suffering from COVID-19, whose schedule is made up of a combination of shifts, who have comorbidity risk for COVID-19 and who are Specialized Care Nurse, have a higher risk of presenting low PR, compared to those who live with their family during the pandemic who have less risk (Graph 7).

Graph 8: Independent variables related to fear of COVID-19.



Those nurses with COVID-19 infection, those with comorbidity risk for the virus and those with more than 10 years of experience, have a higher risk of presenting fear of COVID-19. However, those who live with their families during the pandemic have a lower risk of feeling that fear (Graph 8).

Univariate regression analysis by independent variables

In order to analyze whether there were statistically significant differences between the variables, univariate analyses were also performed, taking as dependent variables all the response variables of the questionnaires in addition to the final sums. After analyzing 885 possible associations, a total of 173 statistically significant differences were detected. The independent variable COVID-19 infection was the one in which the greatest number of associations was observed 33, in contrast to the variables age and children, which were in which the least number of associations were detected (only 2 in

each one). The results of the univariate regression model revealed that nurses who: have suffered or are suffering from COVID-19 infection, who work more hours per month, with more than 10 years of work experience, whose profession is specialized care, with fewer hours/week of leisure (<14 hours), who present comorbidity risk for the SARS CoV-2 virus, with a permanent contract, that their work position is located in a unit of care for patients with COVID-19, who do not live with their family members during the pandemic, who are married, who perform care work combined with management, who are women, whose working hours are made up of a combination of several shifts, who have children and over 46 years of age, have mental health deficient in the current context of pandemic, that is, COVID-19 has a greater psycho-emotional impact among them, generating symptoms of anxiety, depression, stress, insomnia, burnout and/or fear (Annex IV).

DISCUSSION

As a result of COVID-19, nursing personnel are the ones that have been most affected in relation to their mental health due to the particular characteristics of their profession⁽¹⁷⁾. Despite the fact that scientific evidence suggests that the psychological burden of the SARS CoV-2 virus is higher among younger health professionals with less work experience^(5,8,11,17,24), this association is not fulfilled in the present study, since higher rates of depression, fear and burnout could be observed among older nurses with more work experience, an aspect that could be explained by 2 reasons: on the one hand, the older they are, the more likely it is that the respondents have a family in their care (children and/or parents), which increases the pressure of responsibility and the fear of transferring the virus to their homes and, on the other hand, with more knowledge and experience, there is more awareness of the danger⁽¹⁰⁾.

The findings of our study revealed that suffering comorbidities risk for COVID-19 and that working as a Specialized Care Nurse were variables that increased the risk of suffering from depression, anxiety, insomnia, burnout and fear among the/as surveyed, these results coincide with those of *Ozamiz (and others)* and *Zhu Z, (and others)* reporting that health professionals with related diseases present higher levels of psychological symptoms in this crisis situation, since it has been shown that coronavirus-19 is more prone to manifest itself more severely among them^(3,8,25).

The greatest psycho-emotional impact detected among first-line professionals (specialized care nurse) coincides with that endorsed by *Batalla Martín (and others)* and *Tan BYQ (and others)*, who stated that health workers who work on the front line against the virus have poorer levels of health (more psychological symptoms)^(3,26). To report that the scores obtained on the DASS-21© in this study were higher than those published in previous research on the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of health personnel^(26,27), this fact could be due to a lower psychological preparation of the health personnel in Spain, in comparison to the exhaustive measures implemented in other countries such as Singapore after their difficult past experience with SARS⁽²⁶⁾. However, it should also be noted that the percentages of stress, depression and anxiety are lower than those reported in other studies conducted in Spain in the initial phase of the pandemic^(10,11), an aspect that seems to indicate that, although the outbreak of the SARS CoV-2 virus has had an immediate impact on the mental health of the nursing staff, with the passage of time there seems to be a certain phenomenon of psychological

adaptation that causes them the harmful effects to be reduced, that is, they adapt to the “new normal situation”⁽¹⁴⁾.

In the present study, more than half of the respondents showed signs of burnout, values higher than those reported by *Giusti EM (and others)* and *Barello S (and others)*^(19,20), an aspect that could indicate the lack of conditions and the necessary mental preparation of the nursing staff to face the emergency. Therefore, it would highly be recommended to identify and promote protective factors at the same time (positive attitudes at work, recognition of effort, cohesive teams), to help nursing personnel to mentally face the pandemic⁽²⁰⁾.

It was found that 46,9% of the sample presented fear of COVID-19, a fear higher than that endorsed by *Monterrosa Castro (and others)* and *Ortega Malla AL (and others)*, so early strategies would be necessary to prevent and treat fear both in the short term. and long-term^(1,28). Curiously, the analysis revealed more fear amongst those who did not live with their family during the pandemic, an aspect that could be due to their fear of being infected and consequently not being able to respond to their professional duty.

It should be noted that our study offers certainly impressive results in relation to the COVID-19 infection variable, since it was a common risk factor for the 5 psychological symptoms analyzed. These results have relevant implications at the clinical level and at the health policy level, since they suggest that infected nurses are a vulnerable group, presenting a greater psychological discomfort than other professionals. These results are in line with previous research that in the same way supports that the confirming diagnosis of the infection is directly linked to a greater number of psychological disorders, which are considered a risk factor for mental health⁽¹⁸⁾.

Regarding the limitations of our study, we consider that the main one is the sample. Although the desired sample was achieved (179), the response rate was only 12,98%, so the results may seem biased, in addition, the fact that it was carried out on nurses practicing in Huesca limits the extrapolated in of our findings to other regions and also other categories of health. The online questionnaires compared to face-to-face interviews are accompanied by several limitations, however, it had to be online to minimize contact between professionals, the study was completed for only 48 days and therefore lacks follow-up longitudinal. On the other hand, inform that we do not start from previous data on the emotional impact of the pandemic in the evaluated sample, so no comparisons could be made.

Despite the previously mentioned limitations, the present study has notable strengths. First, note that a large number of statistically significant differences were detected (173) and that validated scales were used to obtain the information, aspects that reflect the quality, weight and value of the results. Finally, the greatest strength of the work is that it can turn out to be an excellent starting point to expand the studies in this regard, since it is a novel topic, not many studies have been carried out and the topic is very interesting, based on the great repercussions that nursing mental health can have in the health system, specifically in the Aragonese Health Service where the sample works.

For future research, we suggest the practice of a prospective and randomized longitudinal multicenter study that addresses various health sectors and categories, thus obtaining much more complete information on their psycho-emotional situation in relation to COVID-19, thus being able to extrapolate the results.

Reviewing the trajectory of the health crisis and given the results of our work, we consider that studies should be carried out in the near future to evaluate the psychological consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially among those health workers who work in the first line of defense, to know their mental situation, and at the same time generate supportive approaches that are factual based focused on alleviating the identified psychological symptoms⁽²⁸⁻³⁰⁾.

Regarding the practical implication that our study has, it should be noted that it could improve the daily work of the nurses in Huesca who struggle every day caring for patients with COVID-19, since the great psycho-emotional impact evidence serves to demonstrate to the managers the urgent and real need to establish guidelines directed towards their emotional well-being.

CONCLUSIONS

According to the results obtained, it is concluded that *"the COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative influence on the mental health of the nurses working in the province of Huesca"*. Throughout the study, several statistically significant differences were detected between the variables, so it can be concluded that:

In relation to anxiety, depression and stress, the data obtained show that variables such as longer work time, less leisure time, higher work experience and the presence of comorbidities risk for COVID-19, among others, account for precipitating factors for an alteration in the mental health of nursing professionals in times of COVID-19, therefore they must be taken into account since they can interfere, reducing the quality of care that these professionals provide in the current challenging situation of the pandemic⁽¹⁰⁾.

This study shows the need to work and to improve the quality of sleep of nurses, requiring special attention to those who are exposed to more hours of work and who practice in the specialized field.

Regarding BS, half of the sample suffers from signs of BS, an aspect that reflects the complexity of their work (they face death and suffering), so it is concluded that they need to feel valued and recognized, consequently we recommend providing support systems for mental health specialists to alleviate the impact of the current pandemic on both their current and future psychological well-being^(3,6).

The data obtained suggest that about half of the sample showed fear of COVID-19, which is why it is concluded that despite the passage of time (COVID-19 was declared a pandemic in 2020) it has not mitigated the fear among the nurses⁽²⁸⁾. As a final conclusion, it should be noted that *"the psycho-emotional impact that the pandemic has caused on nurses is important and encompasses different spheres, so we consider it very necessary not only to detect it through standardized instruments but also to treat it, to avoid problems in the short term and the long term, since nursing has an irreplaceable and valuable role"*^(7,30).

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Annex I: Independent variables collected in the study.

Independent variables		
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES	Independent socio-demographic variables	Age
		Sex
		Civil status
		Children
		Number of leisure hours per week
	Professional independent variables Profession	Profession
		Nursing specialty
		Type of contract
		Years of work experience
		Working hours
		Work
	Independent variables associated with COVID-19	Hours per month of work
		Living with family members during the COVID-19 pandemic
		Workstation located in a unit of care for patients with COVID-19
		Presence of comorbidity risk for COVID-19
	COVID-19 infection exists	

Annex II: Dependent variables collected in the study.

Dependent variables			
DASS 21© SCALE	Presence and degree of depression	Inability to have positive feelings	Inability to be enthusiastic
		Difficulty taking the initiative	Undervaluation of yourself
		Pessimistic ideas about life	Presence of concepts about the lack of sense or underestimation of life
		Sad or depressed mood	
	Presence and degree of anxiety	Dry mouth	Worry about fear of acting ridiculous
		Difficulty breathing	Extreme fear or panic
		Trembling of the hands	Increased heart rate without doing physical exercise
		Fear for no apparent reason	
	Presence and degree of stress	Inability to relax	Agitation
		Overreacting to certain situations	Difficulty relaxing and calming down
		Extreme nervousness	Intolerance to interruptions
		Excessive irritability	
INDEX ISI©	Presence and degree of Insomnia	Difficulty sleeping	
		Difficulty maintaining sleep	
		Problems waking up too early	
		Degree of satisfaction with sleep	
		Interference of sleep problems with daily functioning	
		Bad reputaion of sleep problems caused by others	
		Worry about sleep problems	
		INVENTOTY MBI©	Presence and degree of emotional fatigue
Tiredness at the end of the workday	Frustration related to work		
Fatigue when facing another day at work	Perception of excessive work		
Perception of effort when working with people	Stress caused by working with people		
Extreme exhaustion or pessimism			
Presence and degree of personal realization	Empathy towards others		Ability to transmit calm to others
	Effective handling of other people's problems		Feeling of encouragement when working with people
	Positive influence on others with work		Feeling of being useful to their profession
	Active or vitality		Deals calmly with emotional problems
SCALE FCV-19S©	Presence and degree of fear of COVID-19	Very afraid of COVID-19	
		Discomfort thinking about COVID-19	
		Hands sweat when thinking about COVID-19	
		Fear of dying from COVID-19	
		Nervousness or anxiety about new news or stories about COVID-19	
		Difficulty sleeping due to concern of suffering from COVID-19	
		Feeling of palpitation at the thought of contracting COVID-19	

Annex III: Independent variables related to depression, anxiety, stress, CE, PR and fear of COVID-19

Independent variables related to depression	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Normal	Depression	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=163 (83,2%)	n=33 (16,8%)				
Age: Up to 45 years Greater than or equal to 46 years	100 (61,3%) 63 (38,7%)	13 (39,4%) 20 (60,6%)	ref 2,44 (1,13-5,25)	0,022	ref 1,64 (0,63-4,46)	0,320
Type of contract: Permanent Eventual, substitute or interim	75 (46,0%) 88 (54,0%)	22 (66,7%) 11 (33,3%)	ref 0,43 (0,19-0,93)	0,034	ref 0,61 (0,22-1,57)	0,320
Years of work experience: Up to 10 years. More than 10 years.	56 (34,4%) 107 (65,6%)	4 (12,1%) 29 (87,9%)	ref 3,79 (1,27-11,33)	0,017	ref 2,26 (0,59-9,74)	0,245
COVID-19 comorbidity risk: No Yes	109 (66,9%) 54 (33,1%)	15 (45,5%) 18 (54,5%)	ref 2,42 (1,13-5,17)	0,022	ref 1,47 (0,60-3,58)	0,396
COVID-19 infection: No Yes	118 (72,4%) 45 (27,6%)	15 (45,5%) 18 (54,5%)	ref 3,15 (1,46-6,77)	0,003	ref 3,90 (1,71-9,21)	0,001
Independent variables related to anxiety	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Normal	Anxiety	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=105 (53,6%)	n=91 (46,4%)				
Profession: Specialized Care Nurse The rest of nursing	32 (30,5%) 73 (69,5%)	55 (60,4%) 36 (39,6%)	ref 0,29 (0,16-0,52)	<0,001	ref 0,27 (0,14-0,50)	<0,001
COVID-19 comorbidity risk: No Yes	77 (73,3%) 28 (26,7%)	47 (51,6%) 44 (48,4%)	ref 2,57 (1,42-4,68)	0,002	ref 2,52 (1,24-5,24)	0,012
COVID-19 infection: No Yes	83 (79,0%) 22 (21,0%)	50 (54,9%) 41 (45,1%)	ref 3,09 (1,85-5,78)	<0,001	ref 3,14 (1,60-6,36)	0,001
Independent variables related to stress	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Normal	Stress	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=152 (77,6%)	n=44 (22,4%)				
Age: Up to 45 years Greater than or equal to 46 years	91 (59,9%) 61 (40,1%)	22 (50,0%) 22 (50,0%)	ref 1,49 (0,76-2,94)	0,245	ref 2,22 (1,05-4,81)	0,040
Number of leisure hours per week: Up to 14 hours of leisure More than 14 leisure hours	89 (58,6%) 63 (41,4%)	34 (77,3%) 10 (22,7%)	ref 0,41 (0,19-0,90)	0,026	ref 0,42 (0,17-0,93)	0,039
Hours of work per month: Up to an ordinary day More than an ordinary day	114 (75,0%) 38 (25,0%)	25 (56,8%) 19 (43,2%)	ref 2,28 (1,13-4,59)	0,021	ref 2,66 (1,22-5,84)	0,014
COVID-19 infection: No Yes	109 (71,7%) 43 (28,3%)	24 (54,5%) 20 (45,5%)	ref 2,11 (1,06-4,21)	0,034	ref 2,40 (1,14-5,14)	0,022
Independent variables related to insomnia	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Normal	Insomnia	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=44 (22,4%)	n=152 (77,6%)				
Number of leisure hours per week: Up to 14 leisure hours More than 14 leisure hours	22 (50,0%) 22 (50,0%)	101 (66,4%) 51 (33,6%)	ref 0,50 (0,26-1,00)	0,049	ref 0,43 (0,20-0,92)	0,031
Profession: The rest of Nursing Specialized Care Nurse	32 (72,7%) 12 (27,3%)	77 (50,7%) 75 (49,3%)	ref 2,60 (1,24-5,42)	0,011	ref 2,97 (1,37-6,83)	0,008
Hours per month of work: Up to an ordinary day More than an ordinary day	38 (86,4%) 6 (13,6%)	101 (66,4%) 51 (33,6%)	ref 3,20 (1,27-8,06)	0,014	ref 3,32 (1,27-10,01)	0,021
COVID-19 infection: No Yes	40 (90,9%) 4 (9,1%)	93 (61,2%) 59 (38,8%)	ref 6,34 (2,56-18,65)	0,001	ref 6,06 (2,19-21,68)	0,002
Independent variables related to emotional exhaustion (burnout)	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Low, medium EF (no burnout)	EF high (burnout)	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*

	n=98 (50,0%)	n=98 (50,0%)				
Type of contract:						
Permanent	40 (40,8%)	57 (58,2%)	ref	0,016	ref	0,116
Eventual, substitute or interim	58 (59,2%)	41 (41,8%)	0,50 (0,28-0,88)		0,45 (0,16-1,20)	
Years of work experience:						
Up to 10 years	40 (40,8%)	20 (20,4%)	ref	0,002	ref	0,250
More than 10 years	58 (59,2%)	78 (79,6%)	2,69 (1,47-5,08)		1,97 (0,62-6,40)	
Hours of work per month						
Up to an ordinary day	77 (78,6%)	62 (63,3%)	ref	0,019	ref	0,647
More than an ordinary day	21 (21,4%)	36 (36,7%)	2,13 (1,13-4,01)		1,25 (0,48-3,21)	
Position located in COVID-19unit:						
No	31 (44,3%)	12 (24,0%)	ref	0,024	ref	0,019
Yes	39 (55,7%)	38 (76,0%)	2,52 (1,13-5,61)		2,83 (1,22-6,98)	
COVID-19 infection:						
No	73 (74,5%)	60 (61,2%)	ref	0,048	ref	0,374
Yes	25 (25,5%)	38 (38,8%)	1,85 (1,00-3,40)		1,46 (0,64-3,40)	
Independent variables related to personal fulfillment (burnout)	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	Medium, high PR (no burnout)	Low RP (burnout)	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=97 (49,5%)	n=99 (50,5%)				
Profession:						
The resto f Nursing	70 (72,2%)	39 (39,4%)	ref	<0,001	ref	<0,001
Specialized Care Nurse	27 (27,8%)	60 (60,6%)	3,99 (2,20-7,26)		3,66 (1,88-7,33)	
Working hours:						
Mornings, afternoons, nights, 24 hours on duty	39 (40,2%)	24 (24,2%)	ref	0,018	ref	0,414
Shift combination	58 (59,8%)	75 (75,8%)	2,10 (1,14-3,88)		1,35 (0,65-2,81)	
Living with family during the Pandemic:						
No	16 (16,5%)	36 (36,4%)	ref	0,002	ref	0,021
Yes	81 (83,5%)	63 (63,6%)	0,35 (0,18-0,68)		0,41 (0,19-0,86)	
COVID-19 comorbidity risk:						
No	70 (72,2%)	54 (54,5%)	ref	0,011	ref	0,025
Yes	27 (27,8%)	45 (45,5%)	2,16 (1,20-3,92)		2,33 (1,12-4,95)	
COVID-19 infection:						
No	75 (77,3%)	58 (58,6%)	ref	0,006	ref	0,032
Yes	22 (22,7%)	41 (41,4%)	2,41 (1,30-4,48)		2,13 (1,07-4,29)	
Independent variables related to fear of COVID-19	Dependent variable		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	No fear of COVID-19	Fear of COVID-19 exists	OR (IC95%)*	p*	OR (IC95%)*	p*
	n=104 (53,1%)	n=92 (46,9%)				
Years of work experience:						
Up to 10 years	39 (37,5%)	21 (22,8%)	ref	0,027	ref	0,017
More than 10 years	65 (62,5%)	71 (77,2%)	2,03 (1,08-3,80)		2,53 (1,19-5,55)	
Living with family during Pandemic family :						
No	21 (20,2%)	31 (33,7%)	ref	0,034	ref	0,053
Yes	83 (79,8%)	61 (66,3%)	0,50 (0,26-0,95)		0,50 (0,25-1,00)	
COVID-19 comorbidity risk:						
No	73 (70,2%)	51 (55,4%)	ref	0,033	ref	0,178
Yes	31 (29,8%)	41 (44,6%)	1,89 (1,06-3,40)		1,60 (0,81-3,20)	
COVID-19 infection:						
No	82 (78,8%)	51 (55,4%)	ref	0,001	ref	0,001
Yes	22 (21,2%)	41 (44,6%)	3,00 (1,60-5,60)		2,99 (1,56-5,87)	

OR: Odds Ratio. 95% CI: 95% Confidence Interval. In bold: p <0.05

Annex IV. Statistically significant differences detected between the independent variables and dependent variables

	INDEPENDENT VARIABLES: SOCIODEMOGRAPHIC, PROFESSIONAL AND ASSOCIATED WITH COVID-19	Age	Sex	Marital status	Living with family members during COVID-19	Children	Profession	COVID-19 healthcare unit	Type of contract	Years of work experience	Work hours/ Shift	Job	COVID-19 Comorbidity of risk	COVID-19 Infection exists	Work hours per month	Leisure hours per week
DEPRESSION	DASS-21 © SCALE															
	Inability to have positive feelings															
	Difficulty taking the initiative															
	Pessimistic ideas about life															
	Sad or depressed mood															
	Inability to get excited															
	Underestimation of yourself as a person															
Presence of concepts about lack of sense or underestimation of life																
	SUMMARY OF DEPRESSION															
ANXIETY	Dry mouth															
	Difficulty breathing															
	Shaking hands															
	Fear for no apparent reason															
	Worried about fear or acting ridiculous															
	Extreme fear or panic															
	Increased heart rate without doing physical exercise															
	SUMMARY OF ANXIETY															
STRESS	Inability to relax															
	Overreact to certain situations															
	Extreme nervousness															
	Agitation															
	Difficulty relaxing and calming down															
	Intolerance of interruptions															
	Excessive irritability															
	SUMMARY OF STRESS															
INSOMNIA	INDEX ISI©															
	Difficulty sleeping															
	Difficulty maintaining sleep															
	Problems waking up too early															
	Degree of satisfaction with sleep															
	Interference of sleep problems with daily function															
	Notoriety of sleep problems by others															
Worries about sleep problems																
	SUMMARY OF INSOMNIA															
EMOTIONAL FATIGUE	INVENTORY MBI©															
	Emotional exhaustion from work															
	Tiredness at the end of the workday															
	Fatigue when facing another day at work															
	Perception of effort when working with people															
	Burned out due to work															
	Frustration due to work															
	Perception of excessive work															
	Stress caused by working with people															
	Extreme exhaustion or pessimism															
	SUMMARY OF EMOTIONAL FATIGUE															
PERSONAL REALIZATION	Empathy towards others															
	Effective handling other people's problems															
	Positive influence on others with work duties															
	Active or vitality															
	Ability to transmit calmness to others															
	Feeling of encouragement when working with people															
	Feeling of being useful for your profession															
Deals calmly with emotional problems																
	SUMMARY OF PERSONAL REALIZATION															
FEAR OF COVID-19	SCALE FCV-19S©															
	Very afraid of COVID-19															
	Discomfort thinking about COVID-19															
	Hands sweat when thinking about COVID-19															
	Fear of dying from COVID-19															
	Nervousness or anxiety about new news or stories about COVID-19															
Difficulty sleeping due to concern of suffering from COVID-19																
Feeling of palpitation at the thought of contracting COVID-19																
	SUMMARY OF FEAR OF COVID-19															

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