

Exploring the Dimensions of Self-Concept in Adolescents from Marginalized Communities

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the Introduction, first paragraph, the phrase “This issue is very important in today’s society” is non-academic and lacks precision. Replace with a more evidence-based justification, possibly supported by citations, that contextualizes the relevance within the existing literature.

In the Introduction, third paragraph, the authors state: “Few studies have examined this in our context.” This requires elaboration. Please provide specific references to highlight the research gap more convincingly.

In the Results, third paragraph, the figures are referenced but not adequately explained in the text. Ensure that each figure/table is described in terms of what the data reveal, not just that they exist.

In the Discussion, first paragraph, the phrase “Our results are consistent with previous studies” is too general. Specify which studies align with the findings and discuss how the similarities strengthen the credibility of your results.

In the Discussion, second paragraph, the authors state “This finding is unique to our study.” Please justify why it is unique, and consider whether methodological, cultural, or contextual factors contributed.

In the Discussion, third paragraph, the interpretation of findings lacks theoretical grounding. Integrate a theoretical framework or model to support the explanation of why these results occurred.

In the Discussion, fourth paragraph, the authors mention “unexpected results” but do not provide a clear explanation or potential reasons. Expand on possible explanations with support from literature.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the Literature Review, second paragraph, the statement “Some researchers have noted similar patterns” is too general. Identify which researchers and what “patterns” they reported, with citations.

In the Literature Review, last paragraph, the transition to the research objectives is abrupt. Add a bridging sentence that explicitly links the identified gap in literature to the present study’s objectives.

In the Methods section, first paragraph, the sampling technique is described as “random”, but no details are provided about the randomization process. Please clarify whether it was simple random sampling, stratified, or another method.

In the Methods, second paragraph, the sentence “A questionnaire was used” is too simplistic. Expand by specifying the questionnaire’s origin (self-developed or standardized), number of items, response scale, and evidence of reliability/validity.

In the Methods, third paragraph, the authors mention “ethical approval was obtained” but do not specify from which institutional review board or ethics committee. This information is necessary for transparency.

In the Results section, first paragraph, the reporting of descriptive statistics is incomplete. Please include measures of central tendency and variability (e.g., means, standard deviations) for each key variable.

In the Results, second paragraph, the sentence “The correlation was significant” is insufficient. Please provide the exact correlation coefficient, significance level (p-value), and confidence intervals.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.