



# Qualitative Study of Factors Influencing Internet Addiction in Adolescents: Design and Validation of an Intervention Based on It


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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The term "pathological process" used to describe internet addiction could be clarified. Define what constitutes a "pathological process" in this context and provide more detailed characteristics of this process to avoid ambiguity.

"The interviews were then transcribed and entered into MAXQDA software for coding and categorization." More detail is needed on the coding process. Specify the coding scheme used, how codes were developed, and the role of the researchers in this process.

The statement, "Previous research on internet addiction has shown that individuals' weak coping mechanisms lead to the development of emotional strategies like addiction to overcome stress and achieve relief," requires citation of specific studies to support this claim.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on internet addiction is mentioned briefly. This is a significant point that warrants further elaboration. Discuss specific changes in internet use behavior during the pandemic and cite relevant studies to support these observations.

The explanation of adolescents using cyberspace to communicate with friends could benefit from a deeper discussion on the nature of these interactions. Are these interactions mainly positive or do they also contribute to negative outcomes? Include studies or quotes from the interviews to illustrate these points.

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### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The prevalence rates of internet addiction are mentioned as 2.4%. It would be beneficial to specify the population or sample size from which this prevalence rate was derived to provide context for this statistic.

"The sample for this study was selected using purposive sampling." It would strengthen the methodology section to explain why purposive sampling was chosen over other sampling methods and how this approach impacted the study's validity and reliability.

The process of reaching theoretical saturation after interviewing 20 adolescents needs elaboration. Describe how theoretical saturation was determined and provide criteria or indicators used to ascertain that no new information was being obtained.

The thematic analysis identified 33 sub-themes and 13 main themes. It would be useful to provide a table or figure summarizing these themes and sub-themes for clarity and to enhance the readability of the results section.

The assertion that "Cyberspace provides very favorable conditions for its users to achieve significant income by creating content" needs empirical evidence. Provide examples or data on how adolescents are monetizing their online activities and the prevalence of such practices.

The content validity assessment form mentioned should be described in more detail. Include examples of the form and how it was used to measure the validity of the intervention content.

The conclusion mentions that "13 main themes regarding the etiology of internet addiction" were identified. Summarize these themes briefly in the conclusion to reinforce the main findings of the study.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.