A Qualitative Study on Factors Leading to Victimization in Cyberspace Among Adolescent Girls in Isfahan

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction mentions the benefits of cyberspace but does not provide enough context on the prevalence of cyber victimization among adolescents. Adding statistics or a brief literature review on the prevalence would strengthen the introduction.

The sample size of eight participants is mentioned, but there is no justification for this number. Please explain why eight participants were considered sufficient to achieve data saturation.

The process of selecting participants who had sought counseling is described, but it would be beneficial to include the criteria used to define cyber victimization and ensure participants met these criteria.

The table of extracted codes is informative, but consider adding a column that shows the percentage of participants who mentioned each initial code to give a clearer picture of the data distribution.

The impact of internet addiction on sleep patterns and cyber victimization is noted. It would be beneficial to discuss any existing interventions or recommendations to manage internet addiction among adolescents.

The discussion on poor family relations highlights their importance, but it would be helpful to include specific examples of how supportive family interactions can mitigate cyber victimization.

The influence of academic problems is discussed, but there is a lack of specific recommendations for schools to create engaging and supportive environments. Please add suggestions for school-based interventions.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The definitions of direct and indirect victimization are clear, but it would be helpful to provide examples specific to the context of adolescent girls in Isfahan to make it more relatable to the study population.

The use of MAXQDA software for data analysis is mentioned briefly. Please provide more detail on the coding process and how themes were identified and validated.

The results section outlines the three main categories, but it would be useful to include a more detailed explanation of each category with representative quotes from the participants to illustrate the findings.

The discussion on self-esteem issues is well-supported by the literature, but it could be enhanced by discussing potential interventions or strategies to address self-esteem issues in adolescents.

The relationship between introversion and cyber victimization is mentioned. Please elaborate on how introversion specifically affects the ability to form and maintain friendships, which in turn influences victimization.

The lack of media literacy is a significant finding. Consider discussing existing programs or policies that have been effective in improving media literacy among adolescents.

The conclusion emphasizes the need for concurrent intervention strategies. It would be helpful to provide more detail on how these strategies can be practically implemented in schools and communities.

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2. Revised

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