




Examining the Role of Online Sexual Behaviors in Changes in Sexual Health and Attitudes Toward Marriage in Girls Aged 18 to 24

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

While well-written, this paragraph is too general. It should more directly connect adolescence to online sexual behaviors and marriage attitudes to justify the study's focus.

The paragraph references body image and internalized sexualization but does not explicitly connect this to attitudes toward marriage. Strengthen this linkage.

The rationale for selecting only "unmarried girls" needs to be justified. How might results differ if married peers were included?

The description is lengthy, but the psychometric properties reported are drawn from previous studies. Please report Cronbach's alpha for this study as well.

Although you mention reliability, there is no evidence of validity testing within the Iranian sample. Did you conduct a pilot or CFA?

You note that regression assumptions were "all found to be within acceptable ranges." Please provide test statistics (e.g., VIF, tolerance, Shapiro-Wilk results) instead of only general statements.

You state, “The adjusted R^2 value of .50 confirmed the robustness of the model.” Please be cautious— R^2 alone does not confirm robustness. Consider rephrasing to reflect explained variance rather than robustness.

The discussion mostly repeats introduction material. Please expand with new interpretations, e.g., mechanisms by which online behaviors diminish sexual health.

The conclusion is strong but too broad (“adolescence as a transitional period shaped by social, cultural, and digital influences”). Please explicitly state how your findings uniquely contribute to Iranian adolescent psychology.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Although several contexts are cited (Bangladesh, Punjab, UK), no Iranian contextual studies are highlighted here. Consider integrating Iran-specific data earlier to situate your research more strongly.

The transition to your research aim (“This study builds upon...”) is abrupt. Please clearly outline your research questions or hypotheses before stating the aim.

This phrasing suggests that participants already had psychological harms. Please clarify whether this was an inclusion criterion or incidental.

This paragraph emphasizes positive aspects but overlooks potential bidirectionality (i.e., sexual health might also increase satisfaction). Please acknowledge this possibility.

You generalize to “self-regulation” but do not connect directly to your regression findings. Consider explicitly discussing how self-regulation could mediate between online behaviors and outcomes.

You rely heavily on Indian abortion clinic data (Muralidhar et al., 2014), which may not generalize to your Iranian sample. Please note this limitation in interpretation.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

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