

Comparison of Needs, Pressures, and Aspirations among Motherless and Normal Adolescents: A Quantitative-Qualitative Analysis


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The review is thorough but could be enhanced by incorporating recent studies that directly compare motherless adolescents to their peers in similar contexts.

The manuscript does well in analyzing the data; however, providing a bit more context on why certain statistical tests were chosen and how they align with the research questions would enrich the section.

The integration of quantitative and qualitative findings is effective but could be further enriched by discussing how these findings interact and what that means for the broader field of psychology.

The manuscript touches on the implications of the findings. Providing specific, actionable recommendations for practitioners working with motherless adolescents could make the implications more tangible.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Providing a concise overview in the introduction would enhance readability.

The causal-comparative design is suitable, but the justification for the sample size and selection criteria could be strengthened. Detailing how the groups were matched on key demographic variables would improve the study's reliability.

The use of a researcher-made scale and TAT test for quantitative data, and semi-structured interviews for qualitative data is innovative. However, elaborating on the development process, validity, and reliability of the researcher-made scale would add credibility.

While the statistical analysis is appropriate, a more in-depth discussion on the choice of statistical tests and their interpretation, especially regarding the non-significant findings, would provide a clearer understanding of the data.

The findings are significant; however, the discussion could be enhanced by a deeper exploration of how mother absence specifically impacts the identified needs and pressures, integrating more theoretical frameworks and prior research for support.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.