




## Emotion Suppression and Peer Rejection as Predictors of Loneliness in Female Adolescents




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### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence “Loneliness...has been associated with a variety of negative outcomes...” would benefit from a brief mention of how these outcomes may differ by gender to align with the article’s focus on female adolescents.

The sentence “gender-diverse or LGBTQ+ adolescents often experience elevated levels of peer victimization...” introduces a group that is not studied in this paper. Consider either expanding the study’s scope or limiting such references to avoid scope drift.

The final sentence, “This study aims to investigate the predictive roles...” should be rephrased to clearly articulate the specific research questions or hypotheses tested.

The statement “emotion suppression and peer rejection were also significantly correlated...” could benefit from a short interpretation of this result’s implications (e.g., potential mediation or shared variance).

The assertion that “peer rejection is likely to be particularly painful...” due to cultural expectations is compelling. However, it would benefit from a specific example or quote from qualitative studies or sociocultural analyses of Tunisian adolescents.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence “Peer rejection has been shown to predict a host of negative emotional outcomes...” could be strengthened by providing a more precise definition of “peer rejection” within this context and clarifying whether the study addresses overt, relational, or both forms.

The claim that “emotional suppression may be socially reinforced” in Tunisian culture is significant but underdeveloped. Please cite more region-specific sources or cultural analyses to support this claim.

The sentence “The adjusted  $R^2$  of .33 indicates a strong predictive model...” may be overstated. In psychological research, an  $R^2$  of .33 is moderate; consider softening the language.

The sentence “indicating that adolescents who suppress emotions and experience higher levels of peer rejection are more likely to report feelings of loneliness” restates the results. A deeper interpretation of mechanisms (e.g., self-concept threats) would enhance the scholarly value.

Consider expanding on the idea of a “dual-pathway model.” Could a diagram or conceptual figure be included to visually demonstrate this model based on your results?

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## 2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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