

Review of: "From Isolation to Acceptance: Improving Social Acceptance and Educational Opportunities for Transgender People in Pakistan"

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The authors have done commendable work in an area that has been neglected in South Asia for far too long. Their paper consists of a review of the academic work on transgender issues specifically focused on Pakistan and a questionnaire administered to 24 female subjects in a single school. The first part needs to be condensed (for example, entire sentences have been essentially repeated throughout the text). There are clear definitions of transgender in the literature that need to be presented to the reader. It should be clarified that the community commonly called 'hijras' in South Asia is created by the castration of males, often without their consent.

The questionnaire should be attached in full as an appendix. The responses of the 3 groups who were administered the questionnaire differed substantially. The authors could comment on the differences in perception and bias between the groups. The bias appeared most pronounced in the way a trans male and a trans female were perceived by the groups. The authors could comment on this in the discussion.

Overall, I feel this paper, after condensation and changes, should be considered for publication.