

Review of: "Exploring Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment Among Heterosexual Black Women in Braamfontein, Johannesburg"

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to constructively review your manuscript.

Introduction is sufficient to address the research topic as relevant research background has been provided.

Statement of the problem is dependent on scholarly research which, much more than the researcher's motives in undertaking the research, I feel should be minimum and have more of the researcher's understanding of the problem bring the ideal (what is expected of women in sexual empowerment versus the realities of women in Braamfontein and Johannesburg); this alone should clearly bring to light the problem.

Significance of the study is precise and on point.

It was prudent to **contextualise your definition of sexual empowerment** according to your study (take ownership of your research despite many ambiguities in definitional issues).

Presentation of tables: In my own opinion, if you selected a qualitative inquiry, that table was not necessary; the data could have been presented narratively.

Literature review section should have analysed global, regional, and national perspectives on women's sexual empowerment and drawn similar or different comparatives in terms of religion, education, policies, e.t.c. This will inform the researchers to draw inferences and make recommendations in the end based on good and bad practices.

The **Research methodology** section is succinct.

More work should have been done on the **discussion section** as it constitutes the heart of the study with a clear linkage between findings and the conceptual framework used.

Presentation of findings was well elaborated.

However, I also suggest that the paper was well informative but has not proffered solutions/recommendations as what should be done to address this, either drawing from your literature review section, findings, or the role of every research is

to bring about solutions to a particular problem.

This is a good paper; the findings section is very informative among all the chapters. **Recommendations/suggestions** going forward would have been important to add as well. More work needs to be done on the discussion section which corresponds to the findings/literature review section.