

# Review of: "The Parental Role in Child Sexuality: A Phenomenological Study"

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This article reports on a very interesting, but yet, overlooked societal issue. I commend the authors for designing, implementing and reporting this research. I strongly suggest authors consider reworking the manuscript to make it more focused and reader friendly. While I understand authors may not want to produce an overly “academic” paper, it is greatly recommended that the manuscript be reworked for readability; even for a lay audience. The present status of the manuscript is unduly long with a high volume of irrelevant materials. The focus of the manuscript is also a bit unclear as it shifts from children sexual experiences to children sexuality and then to parents' perception of children sexuality. These inconsistencies across different stage of the manuscript make readability extremely difficult.

Authors have argued their papers is foregrounded on phenomenology - qualitative research orientation - yet, they expended a great deal of effort on quantitative data analysis approach. This specific issue and others alike greatly affect engagement and useability of this manuscript.

Very importantly, I observed authors have not reviewed recent literature on a topic/issue that has undergone tremendous change recently. The discourse of sexuality has experienced tremendous changes in recent times. Yet, authors have focused largely on literatures that were produced two to three decades ago. I strongly advise authors to consider looking at newer literature that frames the argument of sexuality beyond heteronormativity.