Review of: "Blue Screen – Blue Mood? Influence of Background Color and Attractiveness of Female Stimulus Persons on Current Mood in an Online Experiment (PANAS)"

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Although this contribution may be interesting and useful from some points of view, more care seems necessary from others, particularly given the scientific publication context. Points in its favor include its large sample and adequate statistical survey. However, the introduction completely lacks the state of the art on the topic or nearby areas of interest. A section on conclusions is also missing. Another critical point concerns the discourse around the attractiveness of the subjects portrayed. It is unclear on the basis of what some subjects are considered by the author to be more attractive than others, which is a shortcoming (not to mention the fact that in a global sociocultural context that is rightly increasingly concerned with overcoming discriminatory dynamics related to appearance, the very use of "attractiveness" as a parameter can be highly problematic). It is not clear why, in any case, the subjects portrayed should always be female.

It is unclear, at least to me, the usefulness of voting on the level of attractiveness of the subjects by the study participants:

The likability ratings are not taken into account; they were only used to manipulate the attractiveness variable.

Since the data collected are many and intersect multiple parameters (background color, attractiveness of the portrait subject assumed or assessed by the participant, age, gender, language area of the participant), additional graphical representations of the stats could certainly help, as would also be helpful for the reader to have access to at least some screenshots of the survey used to collect the data.