

Peer Review

Review of: "Exploring Emerging Adulthood and Adverse Childhood Experiences' Effects on Psychosocial Well-Being"

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I appreciate being invited to review this manuscript on ACEs and psychosocial well-being among emerging adults. I have a few comments that you could consider to help improve the paper.

1. In the Introduction, you begin by discussing emerging adulthood and then on page 2 in the same paragraph move into a discussion on ACEs. I think you can break that long paragraph and end the first one with a statement on the importance of studying certain childhood events during this emerging adulthood period, before discussing ACEs.
2. Instead of marriage age, perhaps age at first marriage. (page 2)
3. Instead of the term working, perhaps employment. (page 2)
4. I think you should define the style of parenting leading to childhood trauma, whether it is authoritative or some other style, as indicated in the literature?
5. Include a reference for the definition of ACE on page 2.
6. It is not too clear how the research questions relate to the results. There should be some indication of how they are linked. You can also section the Discussion with sub-headings to address the three research questions.
7. Research question 3 does not seem to be answered with your results. We do not get a sense of 'why' they believe their experiences have affected their sense of meaning. Theme 3 gives more of the 'how' they believe this but not why.
8. I do not see a clear gap that the study is filling. A statement on either the literature, contextual, or methodological gap should be indicated. This should be preceded by a summary of what the

existing literature has said about the topic.

9. The methods were explained quite well; however, it would be good to know more about the counseling centers from which these participants were recruited.
10. It would be useful to learn more about the ACEs participants suffered from or witnessed. Some had low scores and some high scores. How was it determined who would participate and who would not?
11. At the moment, the discussion reports little on the results and a lot about the theories. The author can review the Discussion section and include the results that inform the discussion and interpretation being made.
12. The referencing style used is both in-text citation in brackets and numbers. This should be made consistent.
13. The author should review the entire manuscript to address any typographical errors.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.