

Review of: "Assessing Sex Education Awareness Among Higher Secondary School Students in India"

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Dear editor,

I am grateful for the opportunity to review the article on sex education awareness among higher secondary school students in India. The topic's significance in curbing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases cannot be overstated, and I commend the authors for addressing this critical issue.

While the title is clear and the introduction is engaging, several aspects require attention to enhance the overall quality of the manuscript. First and foremost, it would be beneficial to include national and international statistics related to higher education students. This addition would provide readers with a more comprehensive understanding of the context surrounding the study.

The development of the research tool is a crucial aspect that requires more attention. Information about the individuals responsible for creating the tool, their competencies, and the measures taken to ensure its validity and reliability should be elaborated. Additionally, details about the language used for developing the tool would contribute to the transparency of the research process.

Addressing the understanding of the tool among the higher secondary school population is essential. The paper should discuss whether the participants, particularly the majority below the age of 18, were able to comprehend the tool adequately. Moreover, the absence of information regarding parental consent and ethical approval is a significant concern given the sensitive nature of the subject matter.

It is crucial to involve parents in the consent process, especially considering that a majority of participants are below the legal age of consent. Lastly, I recommend relocating detailed information about the research tool to an annex for better organization and clarity within the manuscript.

In conclusion, while the article addresses an important topic, addressing these concerns will contribute to its overall quality and ethical soundness. I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and contribute to the improvement of this significant work.

Best regards,

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