

Review of: "Will You Tell? Factors Influencing Peer Reporting of Illicit Substance Use: A Mixed-Methods Study"

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First of all, thank you for the invitation to revise the manuscript ***Will You Tell? Factors Influencing Peer Reporting of Illicit Substance Use: A Mixed-Methods Study***. The main objective of this manuscript was to study the factors affecting peers' reporting of illicit drug use to others. The theme is extremely relevant.

In what follows, there are some suggestions for improving this manuscript.

1. Title

The title doesn't specify which data is used - country, year ...(Where? When?)

2. Abstract

Please specify the study design/methodology (mixed methods) more clearly.

3. Introduction:

I missed a paragraph specifying what the gap in the literature is. How this article could contribute to this subject? What is already known and what is not known yet?

4. Methods

The authors have used many different "packages" for analysis, but I missed a more detailed explanation.

5. Results: Ok.

6. Discussion

"Females may place more importance on how they are perceived in a patriarchal society and hold on to traditional or conservative values regarding substance use. These values..."

I suggest exploring this finding more. Probably, there may exist other factors that made female adolescents report more than male; or, maybe, some factors associated with the male gender that make them report less than female.

I missed in the discussion a comparison of your findings and what is available in the national and international literature.