

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. I found it very insightful. Some recommendations are made for the authors to consider.

## **Abstract:**

- As this is a phenomenological study - recommend that the authors include experiences as phenomenological studies focuses on the lived experiences of participants
- keywords are missing
- Aim and objectives should be included
- Implication for the specific area of field of study is not mentioned e.g. healthcare workers

## **Introduction**

- Part 1 of the introduction is very broad and too long
- A good definition of what a phenomenological design is would help with the understanding why this design was chosen
- what is the overall aim that the research study is addressing?
- Recommend that the authors separate the following into various headings, for example: 1) introduction, 2) literature review 3) theoretical framework 4) methodology (which should include the research question, aim of the study and objectives and research setting, data collection and data analysis) 5) findings 6) discussion on findings 7) conclusion and recommendations
- What is the phenomenological (overall) question that is being addressed by the questions?
- How do the questions meet the objectives of the study?
- As the study addresses parents experiences - it is recommended that the authors include some studies that include these target groups in terms of contrasting or conferring literature. A literature review needs to underscore the importance as to why this study is important - it needs to identify the gap.
- The theoretical framework that underpins this study is not clear. What theoretical lens helped the authors to understand their study?
- The study although good and much needed - lacks a focus discussion
- The reality of Portugal - the research setting - should be discussed much earlier on in the article to give the reader context

- The authors tend to make assumptions - these assumptions should be supported by references

## Methodology

- How does the questions fit into a phenomenological design?
- Include the research question, its aim and objectives here. (the one flows into the other)
- The assumption is this is a qualitative study - the authors should motivate why it was used for this study
- It is a little confusing to the reader - why is quantitative analysis used if this was not mentioned in the abstract or described as a research approach
- The themes and sub-themes are some what confusing to read - suggest that the authors include these headings with participant quotes as evidence to these themes - address the structure of presenting the information as per the methodology described.
- Provide a motivation as to why these methods were used for this study.

## Ethics:

- Address ethics (number) considerations in the study under the methodological section as well.

## Conclusion

- Any implications for various disciplines in the field of study?

## General comments in terms of structure of the article

- The authors may consider combining paragraphs to help with the flow of the presentation
- Style of referencing should be relooked at - e.g. some references have dates - others don't, some are written in capital letters while others are written in small letters, etc.
- Address language as it seems two languages are sometimes used in the text
- Some references are outdated - surely there is more recent research done on some of the topics addressed.

Many thanks and all the best