

Review of: "Youth Attitudes Towards the Effects of Social Media Addiction: A Study on College Students in the United Arab Emirates"

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I read through the article titled "Youth Attitudes Towards the Effects of Social Media Addiction: A Study on College Students in the United Arab Emirates" authored by Fokiya Akhtar. The findings of this study revealed that social media addiction significantly and positively predicted poor sleep quality. The findings presented in the paper are not new or groundbreaking. A Scopus search using the keywords 'social media addiction' within the 'article title, abstracts, and keywords' showed 1810 articles on the subject and related areas. The same keywords searched with the 'article title' showed 282 documents. All these documents were published within a span of three years from 2021-2023. Further, the author did not cite the most relevant papers and reviews [outlined below]

1. Zhu et al. (2023). Exploring associations between social media addiction, social media fatigue, fear of missing out and sleep quality among university students: A cross-section study PLoS ONE, 18 (10 October), e0292429
2. Obeid, et al. (2023). Psychometric properties of the Problematic Use of Social Networks (PUS) scale in Arabic among adolescents. PLoS ONE, 18 (9 September), e0291616
3. Topino, et al. (2023). The relationship between social media addiction, fear of missing out and family functioning: a structural equation mediation model. BMC Psychology, 11(1), Article number 383
4. Malak, et al. (2022). Correlation between psychological factors, academic performance, and social media addiction: model-based testing. Behaviour and Information Technology, 41(8), pp. 1583–1595

In summary, the author did not review the current literature adequately. Although "Nomophobia" is a rising trend among high school and college students, the authors did not discuss this recent phenomenon.

There are many other issues in the article.

Many abbreviations have been used without being defined at the first occurrence. Those abbreviations are GCC, SM, SNS, SMA, and many more. The author may please take care of this problem.

The author wrote, "Another study aims to determine ... quality and fatigue." In this statement, there are no supporting citations.

There are many syntax errors.

The research questions are the objectives of the study. They should be shifted to the Introduction section.

There were no 520 questionnaires, I suppose. The author has used only FOUR questionnaires, and those were distributed among 520 participants, out of which only 327 valid responses were received.

All hypotheses should be Null Hypotheses.

Why should the answers to the research questions be in italics?

Data analysis is not appropriate. The author did not use stepwise regression analysis. How will things be predicted?

The article has been written using very poor English. There are many iterations in the text of the manuscript. Those should be avoided.