

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this critical study on the involvement of parents in young people's sexuality. My first comment is that the paper, from the Introduction to the Conclusion, is too long and needs to be revised extensively for a more straightforward review, as I have attempted to, and most importantly, for the benefit of the audience who will engage with your findings. Most of my comments summarize your study under the sections and sub-sections.

Introduction

Can you begin the Introduction with some background on the importance of parents to the sexual health of young people? The structure could be:

1. Sexual health challenges young people face as they transition through adolescence
2. Followed by the importance of sexuality education/ sexual and reproductive health interventions and the role in assisting young people with sexual health information to address sexual health problems.
3. Position parents as part of sexual health interventions to address young people's sexuality.

*This structure could take the global, regional and national level style of discussions, allowing for a discussion of the topic at the national level in Portugal. The lengthy Introduction contains all these elements under sections 2 to 6 (6.1, 6.2..) Then, after summarizing according to the structure above, you can position yourself (as you have tried to in the first four lines in the Introduction) of who you are in terms of sexual health research/professionalism/advocacy and how your position supports your interest/motivation for this study.

Then, is your study guided by a theory? If not, please briefly refer to all the theories you have reviewed insofar as they shed some light on the topic.

But please, summarizing is the crucial word here to make your paper reader-friendly and much more robust.

Methodology

Please align your study with either research questions or objectives. As we are all aware, these two complement and

derive from each other, so there is no need to present the two. Then , please, delete the research questions/objectives from the methodology, as research objectives are mentioned earlier in the **Introduction**. Then please trim the methods section with summaries of all the elements you have reported, including the Ethics. I am still looking at shortening your study.

Findings

Please, when do you begin reporting your results? Do include a heading for the results.

My following comment is a conjunction between the methods and conclusions: You stated in the abstract that you used 'Semi-structured interviews were conducted with nine parents of children aged 6-10 years', which aligns well with the phenomenological research design you report to have used. Then, in the methods you report that use content analysis to analyze (qualitative) interviews. But, your reporting style of your findings looks quantitative with your consistent use of pie charts and tabular statistics to describe your findings. Please refer to the typical type of reporting qualitative research and apply the same to your conclusions; else, restructure your results to a quantitative or mixed methods approach (?) and apply strictly to your study.

These are my suggestions for your study, and I wish you the best with your reviews!