

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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Let me begin by expressing my appreciation for your research, since I view it as an important continuation of my earlier work (feel free to cite it and use it as you wish: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/sjop.12880>). However, I recommend the following changes:

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Abstract

1. Remove from the abstract or place this sentence at the end (not before the main aim of the study): "By investigating the perceptions and behaviors of young individuals, this research seeks to contribute to our knowledge of the impact of social media addiction on the well-being, quality of life, and mental health of individuals actively using social media networks."
2. Please mention all study aims in the abstract (including the exploration of the relationship between materialism and SNS addiction).

Major

Introduction

1. In order for the exploration of smartphone use to be meaningful, it should be presented as one of the main outlets for social media use. References to this issue are certainly available.
2. Social media addiction has to be better defined and conceptualized. As far as I am concerned, it hasn't been considered a disorder (yet). This should be explored much further and better distinguished from "internet addiction" or "online addiction". These "addictions" are not the main focus of your study. Moreover, all information should be presented together. The paragraph starting with the sentence "The SM addiction is also called SM disorder, excessive SM use, problematic SM use, and compulsive SM use. Uncontrolled use of SM is thought to have negative interactions with depression, anxiety disorders, loneliness, well-being, self-esteem, and self-control (Kuss et al., 2014)." should appear later in the text, when the authors discuss internet and online addiction (and after these constructs are presented).
3. It is not necessary to discuss the results of the current study in the introduction.

4. End your introduction by stating your research aims.
5. The manuscript would benefit from a clearer and summarized version of the current introduction with a greater focus on the relationship between variables of interest and the hypothesis development process.

Minor

1. Change the following sentence from “With the advancement of networking and intelligence, anxiety about missing out will become increasingly common” — to : With the advancement of networking and intelligence, anxiety about missing out seems to have become increasingly more common. (Researchers should refrain from making assertions without supporting evidence)
2. Change the following sentence from Another study aims — to Another study aimed
3. Change the following sentence from This is the first study to examine social media addiction among Vietnamese adolescents, its relationship – to This was the first study

Methodology

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1. It would be helpful if you could provide at least some descriptive statistics: The participants represented a diverse mix of gender, academic year, and field of study

Conclusion

1. In my opinion, this conclusion feels "rushed" and diminishes the significance of your results. I would like to see a more structured discussion before this conclusion is reached. I would also like to advise against generalization of results as this study was conducted on a convenience sample.