

Review of: "Exploring Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment Among Heterosexual Black Women in Braamfontein, Johannesburg"

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Dear editor-in-chief,

Thank you for providing an opportunity for me to read this manuscript.

The manuscript is very well organized and clarifies the gap logically. However, I have some concerns about some parts, as below:

- 1. The title provides every detail about the location of the study. I think this title is better: "Exploring Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment Among Heterosexual Black Women in South Africa" or "South African Heterosexual Black Women Perceptions on Sexual Empowerment."
- 2. I also have a point about the term "black" in the title: I don't see any description of black women's sexual empowerment or sexual violence towards black women in the whole of the introduction, problem statement, or literature review. Are there any differences between white and black women in these regards? Are there specific points in the literature about black women? Do black women face more sexual violence in South Africa or other parts of the world? If yes, the authors must emphasize them to better anchor the study gap. If not, they can remove the word "black" from the title because it may show an unequal view of black women.
- 3. The authors must tell us exactly what they did to reach and recruit the participants. How, when, and where did they select them for the study? And how did they compensate the participants for their time?

Best wishes.

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