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| Journal Name: | Journal of Education, Society and Behavioural Science |
| Manuscript Number: | Ms_JESBS_128902 |
| Title of the Manuscript: | Lived experiences of urban unmarried adults in online romantic relationships: Their meaning making of intimacy, passion and commitment |
| Type of the Article | Original Research Article |

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PART 1: Comments

| | Reviewer's comment | Author's Feedback <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i> |
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| Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part. | This manuscript is highly significant for the scientific community as it provides a nuanced understanding of how urban unmarried adults in India navigate intimacy, passion, and commitment in online romantic relationships. It offers critical insights into the evolving dynamics of digital relationships shaped by cultural, technological, and societal factors. By employing a qualitative approach, the study captures the subjective experiences and meaning-making processes of participants, enriching the literature on online dating and romantic partnerships. Furthermore, the findings have practical implications for mental health practitioners and relationship counselors, offering guidance to support individuals in building healthier, more meaningful relationships in the context of digital romance. | |
| Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title) | Meaning-Making of Intimacy, Passion, and Commitment: Lived Experiences of Urban Unmarried Adults in Online Romantic Relationships | |

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| <p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p> | <p>Aabstract is well-structured and informative, covering the purpose, methodology, findings, and implications of the study.</p> | |
| <p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p> | <p>The manuscript is scientifically sound, exploring the lived experiences of urban unmarried adults in online romantic relationships, focusing on the meaning-making of intimacy, passion, and commitment. Using thematic analysis, the study recruited ten participants aged 25–49 from Bengaluru, India, who were in heterosexual relationships initiated online. The findings highlight the pivotal roles of intimacy, characterized by emotional and physical connection and trust; passion, emphasizing mutual growth, shared futures, and acceptance; and commitment, marked by exclusivity, effort, and resilience. Grounded in Sternberg's Triangular Theory of Love, the research provides novel insights into how online relationships foster meaningful connections, addressing cultural shifts and challenges unique to India's urban context. The study is well-structured, with robust methodology, ethical rigor, and implications for enhancing relationship quality in the digital age.</p> | |
| <p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p> | <p>The references you uses seems to cover a wide range of relevant studies, including contemporary research on online dating, relationship dynamics, and psychological theories like Sternberg's Triangular Theory of Love. The sources include recent studies (e.g., from 2022 to 2024), which are important for keeping the content up-to-date. These references are diverse, touching on themes such as digital intimacy, online romance, psychological effects of dating apps, and relationship satisfaction.</p> <p>However, a few suggestions to enhance the relevance and breadth of the references include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Context: Since your research is based in Bengaluru, India, it might be helpful to include additional studies that specifically explore the dynamics of digital relationships within the Indian context. 2. Broader Scope on Digital Intimacy: Adding more references on how digital intimacy affects long-term relationship dynamics or the nuances of online vs. offline commitment could help balance the focus. | |
| <p>Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</p> | <p>The manuscript seems clear and well-written in terms of structure and communication. The language quality seems appropriate, but I would recommend proofreading the references for consistent formatting and ensuring that all sources are cited correctly per the chosen style guide (e.g., APA, MLA).</p> | |
| <p>Optional/General comments</p> | | |

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| | Reviewer's comment | Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here) |
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| <p>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</p> | <p><i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i></p> | |

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