Reviewer's report

Title: Sexting Among Peruvian Adolescents

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Thank you for asking me to review the above named manuscript. The aim of the study was to determine the sexting prevalence and correlates of sexting among adolescent boys and girls in cusco, peru. The study was a school based survey of 949 high school aged adolescents (aged 12-18 years) in public and private schools.

This study is one of the first in a developing setting to identify gender differences in the prevalence of and correlates of sexting among adolescents. The results from this study will be useful in prevention and intervention efforts targeting adolescents to avoid the negative effects of sexting.

Minor Essential Revisions
1. Abstract- The background information provided is too lengthy. Conclusion can also be more concise. Rather give more information in the results section.
2. Introduction – Some abbreviations used are unclear – e.g MTV, PEW. Where was the study with reference no. 16 conducted? Was study with reference no. 19 a national or sub national survey? Please include these information
3. Methods – No matter the short coming please describe the sampling strategy. If it was convinence sampling please state so.
   Give some information on how the sample size was determined.
   Give state name of the institutional review board.
   What proportion of respondents did not assent or who parents did not give consent?
   Who collected the data? Any training or pretesting? Please provide this information.
   How was sexual-related text messages defined to the students? Especially since some of the respondents where very young and may not be familiar with the term.
   Self report and social desirability bias are two major limitations that need to be emphasized and discussed in the discussion section.
4. Discussion- First part repeats the results. Respondents stating that their parents would be disappointed if they had sexual relations, does not necessarily indicate that there was sexual health communication between parents and
adolescents (page 10).
Mention the socio-cultural factors likely also to influence increased male risk-taking behaviors (page 11)

Yours Sincerely,

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Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

Statistical review: Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

Declaration of competing interests: 

I declare that I have no competing interests