Reviewer’s report

Title: A Grounded Theory of Female Adolescents Dating Experiences and Factors Influencing Safety: The Dynamics of the Circle

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Reviewer: Kristin F Lutz

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General
I would like to express my appreciation for Dr. Toscano’s efforts to address the reviewers’ concerns. I believe that this manuscript would make a positive contribution to the understanding of teen violence, and I think that she has adequately addressed the issues that I identified in my last review.

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Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

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Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

I would suggest some editing within the Discussion section to facilitate ease of reading and enhance the clarity when comparing and contrasting the Toscano study findings to other published research. I was frequently confused as to whether the author was referring to her own study findings or those of other studies.

You may want to include a statement that all of the names used in the article are fictitious.

Minor editorial changes needed:
On page 3, line 6: add a semicolon after the word “role”.
On page 4, line 4: the word “increase” should be changed to “increased”.
On page 6, line 2: please correct the word interactionism. It is currently misspelled as “interactionsism”.
On page 10, line 15: replace the semicolon with a comma following the word “four”.
On page 13, line 8: please correct the name “Rachael”. It is currently misspelled as “Racheal”.
On page 17, line 5: please insert a comma following the word “boy”.
On page 17, line 5: please insert the word “of” following “effect”.


On page 18, line 11: please delete the word “an”.
On page 23, line 4: please insert a space between the word “person” and “[28]”.
There is inconsistency in the capitalization of the word “circle”. In the sections preceding the Discussion, the word is capitalized, but it is not in the Discussion section.
On page 24, line 1: please change the word “suggest” to “suggests”.
On page 24, line 22: the words “further” and “more” should be combined to “furthermore”.
On page 26, line 1: delete the period after “[21]”.
On page 26, line 15: insert a comma after the word “addition”.

Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

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

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

'I declare that I have no competing interests.