Reviewer's report

Title: Sexual behaviors and their correlates among young people in Mauritius: a cross-sectional study

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General

The authors have added a useful background for their survey, clarified some important methodological details and provided more thoughtful development of their recommendations for intervention. The discussion of religion and prevention now appears more realistic, although additional details about religious divisions in the country would be helpful.

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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)

A few points still need further resolution. Contemporary trends in HIV spread in Mauritius have centered on injection drug users and the rather hyperbolic rhetoric on page 15 (2nd full para.) regarding risk among seems unwarranted. The discussion of pornography is unfocused, particularly given the lack of information about actual exposure to pornography and the kind of content typically seen by youth in Mauritius. Some explanation needs be given regarding the race/ethnicity of the religious groups so that readers can better understand who these catgeories represent.

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Discretionary Revisions (which the author can choose to ignore)

What next?: Accept after minor essential revisions

Level of interest: An article of limited interest

Quality of written English: Acceptable
**Statistical review:** Yes, and I have assessed the statistics in my report.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare that I have no competing interests.