Reviewer’s report

Title: Does the Stockholm Syndrome Affect Female Sex Workers? The Case for a "Sonagachi Syndrome"

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In the current manuscript, authors explored Stockholm Syndrome among female sex workers in India. A few suggestions should be considered by authors.

The overall impression is that the conclusion cannot be fully supported by data provided. There is a lack of framework to guide readers to go through the manuscript.

In the background section, authors can explain more for the Stockholm Syndrome in terms of potential cognitive mechanisms. In addition, authors may want to provide a few case studies as illustrations. Using the well-described mechanism as guidance for data analyses. Authors can use data (e.g., quotes) to support any statements that related to the theme in the main text. Appropriate data extraction procedure should be briefly described.

Furthermore, authors may want to provide some context-specific factors that may be related to the Stockholm Syndrome among FSW in India and other similar settings.

In conclusion, this manuscript needs further work before considering publication.

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