Reviewer’s report

Title: Virginity Testing: A systematic review

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Methods:

1. The search results are very old (Aug 2015). The last search was conducted almost 17 months back. The searches need to be revised.

2. In the background section, authors have made a case that virginity testing is usually conducted on unmarried women to confirm her moral character and social value, however, majority of the studies identified were from the developed countries. It is, therefore, important to indicate in the results section, why those studies conducted virginity testing? So instead of just mentioning how many were confirmed being virgins with what methods, please indicate why the test was undertaken and under what circumstances?

3. While reporting the findings from each study, it would be very useful if authors also mention the country where the study was conducted.

4. It was reported that the quality of the included studies were assessed, however, there was no indication of the quality of included studies in results or even in tables.

Minor edits:

Page 5, paragraph 2, line 102: Replace "Cochrane" with "The Cochrane Library"

Page 5, paragraph 2, line 103: Replace "Campbell Collaboration" with "the Campbell Collaboration"

Page 6, line 124: Add "the" before the Cochrane Collaboration

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