Reviewer’s report

Title: Virginity Testing: A systematic review

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This is a very good and timely article. Virginity testing is an important ethical issue as the practice can have serious implications for many young women in those parts of the world where it is performed. Some of the key issues that have been highlighted in the debate about the practice revolve around empirical questions. Chief among these is whether or not it is possible to reliably test for virginity. Other important questions that can be settled with empirical evidence include whether or not the practice causes harm to examinees. This article's most valuable contribution to the scholarship in the field is its bringing together of the findings of the most important studies that have been done that provide answers to these key empirical questions. Since no systematic review of this literature has been undertaken before, this review is an exceptionally valuable contribution.

The article is well-written. The methodology seems sound and is well described and defended. The conclusions and recommendations are plausible and well-grounded in the findings. Altogether it is a fine piece of scholarship and I recommend that it be published.

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