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Title: Understanding Resilience of Female Adolescents towards Teenage Pregnancy: A Crosssectional Survey in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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The aim of the study is to identify factors that could contribute to strengthening the reproductive resilience of girls in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

In the introduction, when describing the "group of researchers" who conceptualized resilience from a social science perspective…” it may be beneficial to clarify who these researchers are or where they are from. It would give the reader a bit of context and familiarity.

The explanation of the conceptual framework and Bordieus work adds a lot of value to comprehending the study.

I feel the discussion is strong and appreciate the included limitations of the study. The discussion speaks to the need for qualitative studies, yet on page 6, (right before the conceptual framework) it is noted that the study did include a qualitative component. I found this a bit confusing because it seems as if the study was mixed methods, yet the report was only focusing on the quantitative component. Inclusion of some of the qualitative findings would be interesting.

The reader could better understand the significance of this study if authors touched briefly on how to capitalize on the competencies of pregnant adolescents and young mothers. For example, empowering young women further by having more options and opportunities for things such as childcare, job training etc. In the study, competence is self- reported, but perhaps quantifying follow up visits to doctor appointments, use of contraceptives post- partum, etc, can be used as other values of competence. There is a difference of young women being aware of what resources are available, with them actually taking advantage and leveraging their competency.
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