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PART 1: Comments

	<b>Reviewer's comment</b> <b>Artificial Intelligence (AI) generated or assisted review comments are strictly prohibited during peer review.</b>	<b>Author's Feedback</b> <i>(Please correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<b>Please write a few sentences regarding the importance of this manuscript for the scientific community. A minimum of 3-4 sentences may be required for this part.</b>	<i>This manuscript highlights the critical gaps in parent-adolescent communication on sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in Kerala, India, offering valuable insights into adolescents' perspectives. It underscores the barriers—such as cultural stigma, lack of parental knowledge, and communication skills—that hinder open discussions on SRH topics. The findings provide a foundation for developing targeted interventions to improve parental engagement, fostering healthier adolescent outcomes. By addressing an underexplored area in a high-literacy region like Kerala, this study contributes to global efforts to enhance SRH education and family-based communication strategies. Its implications extend to policymakers, educators, and healthcare providers, making it a significant resource for advancing adolescent health research and practice.</i>	
<b>Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</b>	<i>The current title, "Adolescents' Perspective of Parental Communication on Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters," effectively conveys the focus of the manuscript. However, it could be more concise and engaging while still accurately reflecting the study's content.</i>  <b>Suggested Alternative Title</b>  <i>"Adolescents' Views on Parental Communication Regarding Sexual and Reproductive Health"</i>	<b>Title changed to Parental Communication on Sexual and Reproductive Health: An Adolescent Perspective in Kerala, India</b>

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<p>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive? Do you suggest the addition (or deletion) of some points in this section? Please write your suggestions here.</p>	<p><i>The abstract of the article provides a solid overview of the study's objectives and context; however, it could benefit from greater clarity and conciseness.</i></p> <p><b>Suggested Additions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. Include a summary of the key findings, such as the percentage of adolescents who reported communication with parents about SRH topics and their levels of knowledge and attitudes toward these discussions.</i></li><li><i>2. Conclude with a statement on the broader implications of the findings for parental engagement and adolescent health education.</i></li></ol> <p><b>Suggested Deletion</b></p> <p><i>Streamline details about statistics and studies that are not directly relevant to the current research focus. For instance, specific percentages regarding global adolescent sexual activity could be summarized rather than detailed.</i></p>	<p>Incorporated</p> <p><i>Concluded with statement on the broader implications of the findings for parental engagement and adolescent health education</i></p> <p><i>specific percentages regarding global adolescent sexual activity be summarized</i></p>
<p>Is the manuscript scientifically, correct? Please write here.</p>	<p><i>The manuscript is scientifically correct and contributes valuable insights into adolescent health communication in Kerala. With minor revisions for clarity and depth, it has the potential to make a significant impact in the field of sexual and reproductive health education.</i></p> <p><b>Suggestions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. The discussion section could delve deeper into the implications of the findings. For example, exploring how cultural factors specifically influence communication patterns could provide richer insights.</i></li><li><i>2. Some sections could benefit from clearer presentation of results, particularly in terms of how specific findings relate to existing literature.</i></li></ol>	<p>yes</p>
<p>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestions of additional references, please mention them in the review form.</p>	<p><i>The manuscript includes a variety of references that cover key aspects of parental communication, adolescent sexual and reproductive health (SRH), and related cultural factors. This breadth helps establish a solid foundation for the research.</i></p> <p><i>While some references are recent, others date back several years. It is essential to include more up-to-date studies to reflect current trends and findings in the field, particularly given the rapidly evolving nature of SRH education and communication.</i></p> <p><b>Suggested additional reference:</b></p> <p>Sonia Barriuso-Ortega, María Fernández-Hawrylak, Davinia Heras-Sevilla, Sex education in adolescence: A systematic review of programmes and meta-analysis, Children and Youth Services Review, Volume 166, 2024,107926, ISSN 0190-7409, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2024.107926">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2024.107926</a>.</p>	<p>included</p>

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Is the language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	<i>The language quality of the manuscript is generally suitable for scholarly communication; however, it could be improved further by ensuring consistent use of terminology throughout the manuscript. For example, "adolescents" should be consistently used rather than alternating with terms like "teenagers." Also, incorporating transition words can improve the flow between ideas and sections. This will help guide readers through the argumentation more smoothly.</i>	<i>"adolescents" consistently used</i>
Optional/General comments	<i>The discussion section could be expanded to include more detailed interpretations of the findings. Exploring the implications of limited parental communication on adolescent health outcomes would strengthen the manuscript's impact.</i>  <i>In general, the manuscript presents a timely and relevant investigation into the dynamics of parent-adolescent communication regarding sexual and reproductive health (SRH) in Kottayam District, Kerala. Given the critical role that effective communication plays in promoting healthy behaviours among adolescents, this study addresses an important gap in the literature.</i>	yes

PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<u>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</u>	