

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Determinants of Substance Use Among Secondary School Students in Nyarugenge District, Rwanda"

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision ✓

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance		✓		

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Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

This manuscript presents a timely, well-structured investigation into adolescent substance use in Rwanda using sound methods and strong theoretical frameworks. While well-analysed, it would benefit from less repetition, more synthesis, and formatting improvements. Overall, it is a solid study that is publishable with minor revisions.

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Detailed Reviewer's Report

Chapter	Strengths	Areas for Improvement
Chapter 1: Introduction	Well-contextualized problem; clear objectives; relevant background on Rwanda.	Problem statement is broad; some redundancy; objective wording can be refined.
Chapter 2: Literature Review	Strong theoretical foundation using TPB and Social Learning Theory; relevant African data.	Lacks critical synthesis; some repeated citations; transitions between topics need clarity.
Chapter 3: Methodology	Clear design; justified sample; GSHS tool enhances reliability; ethical considerations stated.	Overly technical explanation of sample formula; missing ethics board mention.
Chapter 4: Results & Discussion	Robust statistical analysis; well-organized data tables; relevant findings highlighted.	Repetitive data description; deeper theoretical integration and critical insights needed.
Chapter 5: Conclusion & Recommendations	Practical and policy-relevant suggestions; findings well summarized.	Conclusions restate data; lacks specific suggestions for future studies and limitations.