




## Self-Silencing and Rejection Sensitivity as Predictors of Depression in Adolescent Girls




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### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

When mentioning "Giovazolias (2023) found that rejection sensitivity indirectly affects adolescent depression through perceived peer rejection", it would enhance clarity to briefly explain how this pathway differs from the direct effect discussed earlier.

The paragraph mentions "Higher total scores indicate greater levels of self-silencing behavior". Please report the actual Cronbach's alpha for the STSS in the present study to establish internal consistency within this specific context.

The distribution by age and school type is well-detailed, but it omits socioeconomic status. Including SES data could contextualize depression scores and strengthen generalizability.

The text states "reflecting relatively elevated levels of emotional suppression and interpersonal sensitivity". This interpretation should be supported by a normative comparison or referenced cutoff scores.

The statement "Polish adolescents, a country with both collectivist and individualist cultural elements..." is repeated without citation. Redundancy should be avoided, and a reference should be provided.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence "Inman and London (2021) identified self-silencing as a key mechanism through which rejection sensitivity translates into vulnerability to intimate partner violence and subsequent psychological distress" introduces adult-focused content. Consider clarifying its relevance to adolescent girls or citing youth-focused studies.

The claim "Polish society, a country with both collectivist and individualist cultural elements..." would be strengthened by citing a sociocultural study or national psychological profile to support this classification.

It states that "scores are computed by multiplying anxiety ratings by rejection expectancy ratings". Clarify whether the authors used the average or sum of these products for total RSQ score, as methods vary in literature.

The correlation between rejection sensitivity and self-silencing ( $r = .49$ ,  $p < .01$ ) suggests possible mediation. Consider discussing this statistically or suggesting it as a follow-up in the discussion section.

The regression coefficients are clearly presented, but there is no mention of effect sizes (e.g., Cohen's  $f^2$ ). Including these would enhance the interpretation of predictor strength.

The authors write "This pattern appears to be particularly pronounced in adolescent girls". This is a strong claim and should be backed by a gender comparison study or meta-analytic data.

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## 2. Revised

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