Investigating the effects and social harms of cyberspace on children

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction effectively sets the stage for the research but could benefit from a more detailed explanation of the scope and specific objectives. Clarifying the research questions or hypotheses would provide readers with a clearer understanding of the study's goals.

The analysis of cyberspace's impacts on children is insightful but could be deepened by discussing the psychological theories underlying these effects. Additionally, exploring the long-term implications of these harms would provide valuable insights.

The discussion would benefit from a more robust examination of the interplay between societal factors and individual vulnerabilities that contribute to the negative effects of cyberspace on children.

The solutions presented are practical but somewhat generic. Offering specific, evidence-based interventions or strategies that have been successful in mitigating the harms discussed would make this section more impactful.

Discussing the role of policy, education, and community initiatives in addressing these challenges could provide a more comprehensive approach to the problem.

The manuscript is generally well-organized, but some sections could be made clearer through subheadings or bullet points, especially when listing various harms or solutions.

Response: Revised.

1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The literature review section covers relevant studies but appears to lack a critical analysis of the findings. A more thorough comparison and discussion of previous research findings could enrich the context and highlight where this study contributes new knowledge.

Including a broader range of sources, particularly from different cultural contexts, could offer a more global perspective on the issue.

Given the library-based research approach, it would be beneficial to detail the criteria for selecting sources, including databases searched, keywords used, and inclusion/exclusion criteria. This would enhance the replicability and credibility of the review.

Proofreading for grammatical errors and ensuring consistency in terminology related to cyberspace and internet use would improve the readability of the paper.

While the paper touches upon critical issues, a discussion on the ethical considerations of research in this area, including the protection of children's data and privacy, would be pertinent.

The conclusion could be strengthened by outlining specific areas for future research, such as longitudinal studies on the effects of cyberspace exposure or the effectiveness of different intervention strategies.

Response: Revised.

2.   Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.
Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.