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Sexual Support for Female Victims in Sexual Crimes

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The statement, "Even in the most advanced countries women and children suffer from the consequences and effects of violence," is too broad and lacks specific data. Consider providing statistical evidence or citing specific studies that demonstrate the prevalence of violence in advanced countries.

The phrase "Interaction and relationships between the opposite sexes outside conventional standards..." is vague. Clarify what is meant by "conventional standards" and specify which standards are being referenced—cultural, legal, or religious?

The comparison between Iran's laws and those of other countries like Canada and the United States on page 35 would benefit from more detailed examples. How do the legal frameworks in these countries specifically differ, and what are the implications for victims?

The definition of "pornography" provided here is somewhat outdated and culturally specific. Consider including a more contemporary and globally accepted definition, perhaps referencing the World Health Organization or the United Nations.

The discussion on Iran's legal approach to pornography lacks reference to actual case studies or court decisions. Including such examples would strengthen this section by demonstrating how the laws are applied in practice.

The discussion on "gender" and "sex" would benefit from a clearer distinction between the two terms. Consider adding definitions or references to academic sources that clearly define these concepts to enhance reader understanding.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence "Some women through association with deviant women knowingly or unknowingly are drawn into places of corruption..." seems to generalize women's experiences. It's important to avoid language that could be interpreted as victim-blaming. Consider rephrasing to maintain an objective tone.

The description of "sexual violence" includes various forms, but it may be beneficial to categorize these forms (e.g., physical, psychological, etc.) for clarity. This can also help in discussing the legal implications of each category.

The term "unlawful relationships" used in this section needs further clarification. What constitutes an "unlawful relationship" under the Islamic Penal Code? Providing examples or definitions would help clarify this concept for readers unfamiliar with the law.

The methodology section is described as "descriptive-analytical" and "relies on library sources," which is very general. Specify what types of library sources were used (e.g., legal texts, case law, academic journals) and explain how these sources were analyzed to support the study's findings.

The claim that "current evidence laws are not applicable" due to the secrecy of sexual crimes needs further exploration. Discuss how the legal system can adapt to these challenges, perhaps by referencing reforms or legal innovations in other jurisdictions.

The section on ensuring victim safety could be expanded to include specific measures that are currently in place or proposed in Iran. How effective are these measures? Are there any notable gaps that need to be addressed?

The statement that "Raising awareness and informing the victim is one of the most important ways to respond to victims' needs" should be supported by examples of successful awareness programs or initiatives. This would add practical relevance to the theoretical claim.

The conclusion mentions achieving a model of criminal support within the framework of criminal policy but does not elaborate on what this model would entail. Consider providing a more detailed description of what such a model might look like in practice.

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2. Revised

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