

For the most part, the English is acceptable. However, certain sentences could be refined for clarity. For instance, the phrase *Digital Age* is italicized—if this is intentional, the author should clarify its specific meaning. Additionally, "In sum" could be replaced with "Summary" for a more formal tone.

The writing structure could be improved for better clarity.

See my Specific Comments:

1. Clarification of Research Gaps

The manuscript would benefit from a clearer articulation of the research gaps or problems that motivated the study. These should be explicitly stated in the abstract.

2. Abstract Structure

The abstract should follow a structured format, including:

- Research problem/gap
- Research questions
- Methodology (data collection details: when, where, and how)
- Results and significance of the study

3. Discussion and Critical Analysis

While the manuscript presents descriptions of social causation, social selection, and reciprocal hypotheses, it lacks critical engagement with these concepts. The discussion should integrate a comparative analysis of these frameworks rather than merely describing them.

4. Alignment with Research Objectives

The discussion should more explicitly address the study's objectives, as outlined in the abstract, including:

- How social causation, social selection, and reciprocal hypotheses contribute to understanding problematic digital use and its impact on self-esteem
- How self-esteem influences digital engagement
- How problematic digital use affects self-esteem

5. Temporal Context of the Digital Age

The manuscript could specify the time frame or key developments within the Digital Age that are relevant to the study. This would help narrow the focus and situate the research within existing literature.

I hope these comments provide useful guidance for the author.

