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COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

I believe this letter is publishing is worthwhile, because it sheds some light about the urge for a more active sex behavior in an Islamic community. Naturally, marked conceptual differences are raised in this latter when compared to western civilization. Perhaps, this would be the main point of my revision. Although this letter probably breaks some paradigms of the Islamic community to discuss a more in tune surveillance and increased awareness in relation to sexually transmitted diseases, in many passages in the text it seems that the arguments used do not configure a pragmatic and unjudgmental way of presenting authors' opinions. I believe it should be more impartial. Some of these passages are quoted: "which could paralyze the economy", "otherwise it will be very late" and "energetic future youth from being rotten". Another example is the passage "unhealthy sexual activities". Unhealthy sex is a complicated term, if its known that sex has been carried out without condoms, "unsafe" could be used, which is not the case. Most of the data is empirical, no statistics is provided. Better definition is required. Does it include true hermaphrodites (khusras), crossdressers (zenanas) and eunuchs (narnbans). ("Awareness about sexually transmitted infections among Hijra sex workers of Rawalpindi/Islamabad". Pakistan Journal of Public Health. 2012.) "Hijras usually admire physical beauty and power of their clients thus promoting sexual relationships. Most of the youngsters who indulge into risky sexual relationships are illiterate and have poor understanding of sexually transmitted diseases and related consequences. Most of them do not have awareness and knowledge, therefore are unable to comprehend seriousness in this issue" - these are certain some of the possibilities for the sex encounter. Another is their will to have sex relationship with Hijras, this should be mentioned. "On the other hand, various social and economic factors like acute



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poverty, unemployment, limited knowledge and skills and high income through sex, usually compel poor individuals towards offering sex to sex seekers. In such circumstances, suppressing measures via law enforcing agencies could further aggravate spread of hidden risky behaviors in society.” – I believe it would be interesting to consider these empirical possibilities. However, it highlights the need for more research. For example, study interrogation protocols should include questions such as this: if you raise your monetary income by any other non-sex-related activity, would you no longer be a sex worker?