The Assumed Relationship Between Asexuality and Trauma

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HYPOTHESES

• Hypothesis One: The number of asexual participants who have not experienced trauma will exceed the number of asexual participants who have experienced trauma.

• Hypothesis Two: There will be no difference in measures of asexuality (AIS and SDI-2) between the minority of asexual participants who have experienced trauma and those who have not.

• Hypothesis Three: An individual’s age of asexual identification will not be predicted by trauma.

DISCUSSION

Limitations and Future Studies
Future studies might improve on recruitment methods:

• Posts on r/asexuality were not penned by the moderators and were lost to the feed of new posts. This likely reduced our sample size.

• Several participants reported that the measures used did not reflect their experiences of being asexual.

• The restricted and recruitment script may have specifically attracted individuals who had identified as asexual after experiencing trauma.

Moving Forward
We would like to reach out to further investigate the rates of trauma, and the impacts of trauma, within the asexual community.

We would like to identify the rate of trauma by age group in the general population in order to draw clearer comparisons to the asexual community.

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