Dear Dr. Anne Farrell,

Editor in Chief

First of all, I would like to thank you for your letter of comments and your willingness to consider publishing my article with the changes you have suggested.

Because of the major changes that were required.I decided to write this letter in which I explain what changes have been made so you can send it to each reviewer separately. I will also note this in the system changes.

As for the abstract - the study abstract was rewritten according to the reviewer's suggestions please see new abstract

using the term early motherhood:

 When it comes to the use of early mothers, the term refers to those mothers who gave birth between the ages of 17-19. And experienced motherhood at a very young age and in violation of the law in some cases - the minimum age of marriage.

Indeed, the term does not exist in Arabic. And that's the point that I am trying to highlight in my research and in using this term. the absence of this term and knowledge that deal with early motherhood in Arab societies can reflect the common perception and indicates a social disregard for an experience that exists but is not spoken among Arab mothers. To clarify this point, I have added a footnote clarifying this issue. Hope this will satisfy the reviewer 1

Following the comments of the first reviewer on the study methods- The whole part has been rewritten according to the instructions of the reviewers, please see the part of the study methods.

In addition, I added a table of the research sample that includes details of the study participants. Age, age at first birth, number of children, age of spouses and occupation.

Reviewer 2

The entire research method was rewritten and according to the guidelines of the reviewers. See the research Methods part

Reviewer 3

The theoretical part was rewritten and addressed the comments of all reviewers and included: Background literature on Arab society and early motherhood, social-gender status of Arab women seeking higher education in Israel. The references where updated and. relied on more recent research sources. The theoretical part referred to Chodorw's feminist theory as the theoretical source on which this article is based.

As for research method, this section has been rewritten in detail, and I have added a table relating to the research sample. See -research methods

Regarding the findings. This section has been rewritten. First a reorganization and renamed the research themes was done.

Additional citations were made to the findings, see pages 12,14,16,18

As for the research innovation. It is important to note that this is one of the pioneering studies in the world that addresses the issue of early motherhood among young Arab mothers. The impact is on several levels

- The research group and its uniqueness.1-

- The focus on the issue of early motherhood in a traditional society2-

-3- Early motherhood that takes place within the framework of marriage and family. where it is almost does not exist in other societies.

4- And the reference to early motherhood as a kind of social oversight mechanism among educated Arab women

5- The conflict of educating children between the educational perception of the young mother, who is often inspired by innovative educational theories, to which mothers are exposed as part of their studies, and the trend that grandparents and the environment provide to the child due to children spending hours in the extended family. And the absence of the mother due to the demanding studies. Following the comments of the first judge.

As for the study methods This whole part has been rewritten according to the instructions of the reviewers- See the research Methods part.

In addition, I added a table that refers to the research sample that includes the details of the study participants. Age at first birth, number of children, age of spouses and occupation Current age of the participants

Regarding your question about the supervisory mechanisms in Arab society

The answer to this is in the discussion on page 20

Regarding the use of the term good motherhood, burn in mature mothers Z because the term good motherhood can be quite judgmental, I replaced this term in mature mothers.

Thank you so much,

Looking forward hearing from you

Maram Masarwi .