Trait Sexual Desire-Linked Subjective Sexual Arousal to Erotic and Non-Erotic Stimuli: Gender, Relationship Status, and Gender-Specificity

Code and analyses

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1 Preliminaries

1.1 Load packages

This file was created using knitr (Xie, 2014), mostly using tidyverse (Wickham et al., 2019) syntax. As such, data wrangling was mainly done using packages such as dplyr (Wickham et al., 2023), and most figures were created or modified using ggplot2 (Wickham, 2016). Tables were created using knitr::kable and kableExtra (Zhu, 2021).

Linear mixed models were fitted using lmerTest (Kuznetsova et al., 2017), assumptions were performed using performance (Lüdecke et al., 2021), contrasts and interactions were explored using emmeans (Lenth, 2023), and interactions were investigated using the package interactions (Long, 2019).

All packages used in this file can be directly installed from the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN). For a complete list of packages used to create this file, and their versions, see section 4, at the end of the document.

```
library(readxl)
library(ltm)
library(car)
library(tidyverse)
library(ggpubr)
library(tidyquant)
library(performance)
library(kableExtra)
```

```
library(psych)
library(scales)
library(lmerTest)
library(emmeans)
library(berryFunctions)
library(bestNormalize)
library(rstatix)
#library(effectsize)
#library(gtsummary)
#library(gt)
#library(interactions)
#library(MetBrewer)
#library(ggpmisc)
```

1.2 Define color palettes

Individual color palettes for figures by gender, stimuli sex, or relationship type.

```
# Palette to color figures by gender
color.Gender <- c("red","black")

# Palette to color figures by stimuli sex
color.StimuliSex <- c("#54278F","#FC4E2A")

# Palette to color figures by relationship type
color.Relationship <- c("#2171B5","#DD3497")

# Palette to color figures by dimension type
#color.Dimension <- c("#54278F","#41AB5D","#0570B0")</pre>
```

1.3 Custom functions

1.3.1 pval.lev

This function takes p-values and formats them in LATEX, highlighting significant results in bold.

1.3.2 pval.stars

This function takes p-values and adds starts to represent significance levels.

1.3.3 corr.stars

This function creates a correlation matrix, and displays significance (function corr.stars modified from http://myowelt.blogspot.com/2008/04/beautiful-correlation-tables-in-r.html).

```
corr.stars <- function(x) {</pre>
  require(Hmisc)
 x <- as.matrix(x)
 R \leftarrow rcorr(x)r
 p \leftarrow rcorr(x)P
 mystars <- ifelse(p < .001,</pre>
                      paste0("\\textbf{", round(R, 2), "***}"),
                      ifelse(p < .01,
                              paste0("\\textbf{", round(R, 2), "**}"),
                              ifelse(p < .05,
                                      paste0("\\textbf{", round(R, 2), "*}"),
                                      ifelse(p < .10,
                                              paste0(round(R, 2), "$^{\\dagger}$"),
                                              format(round(R, 2), nsmall = 2)))))
 Rnew <- matrix(mystars,</pre>
                  ncol = ncol(x)
  diag(Rnew) <- paste(diag(R), " ",</pre>
                        sep = "")
  rownames(Rnew) <- colnames(x)
  colnames(Rnew) <- paste(colnames(x), "",</pre>
                             sep = "")
  Rnew <- as.matrix(Rnew)</pre>
  Rnew[upper.tri(Rnew, diag = TRUE)] <- ""</pre>
 Rnew <- as.data.frame(Rnew)</pre>
 Rnew <- cbind(Rnew[1:length(Rnew) - 1])</pre>
  return(Rnew)
```

1.3.4 anova.sig and summary.sig.boot

Functions to bold significant p values from summary model tables. It highlights significant p values, and formats the output in \LaTeX , ready to be used with kable.

We used summary (regression-type tables of estimates) instead on ANOVA-type tables to display model results. This was because we needed to bootstrap estimates for the two models on Hypothesis 2 (see section ??). However, to obtain p-values that represent main effects and interactions, we used sum-to-zero contrasts (see e.g., Kaufman & Sweet, 1974; Keppel & Zedeck, 1989).

```
# Version 1 for models with no CIs
anova.sig <- function(model, custom_caption) {
  aovTab <- anova_summary(Anova(model, type = 3)) |>
    unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", ") |>
```

```
select(-"p<.05") |>
   mutate(p = pval.lev(p)) |>
   mutate_at("Effect", str_replace_all, ":", " × ") |>
   kable(digits = 2,
         booktabs = TRUE,
         align = c("l", rep("c", 3)),
         linesep = "",
         caption = custom_caption,
         col.names = c("Effect", "$df$", "$F$", "$p$", "$\\eta^2_G$"),
         escape = FALSE) |>
   kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
   footnote(general = paste0("Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile
                              normalization
                              (\\\cite{petersonOrderedQuantileNormalization2020a}).
                              Results are type III ANOVA.
                              As effect size, we used the generalized eta squared
                              ($\\\eta^2 G$; see
                              \\\cite{bakemanRecommendedEffectSize2005}).
             escape = FALSE,
             threeparttable = TRUE,
             footnote_as_chunk = TRUE)
 return(aovTab)
summary.sig.boot <- function(mod, modCI, custom_caption) {</pre>
 modTab <- left_join(data.frame(summary(mod)$coefficients) |>
                        rownames_to_column(),
                      data.frame(modCI) |>
                        rownames_to_column(),
   mutate_at("rowname", str_replace_all, ":", " × ") |>
   mutate_at("rowname", str_replace_all, "`", "") |>
   mutate("rowname" = str_replace_all(rowname,
                                           "Attractive person DSD (C)",
                                         "'Dyadic sexual desire (Partner) (C)'" =
                                         "Stimuli sex1" = "Stimuli sex [Female]",
   select(rowname, Estimate, X2.5.., X97.5.., Std..Error, df, t.value, Pr...t..) |>
   mutate(Pr...t.. = pval.lev(Pr...t..)) |>
   kable(digits = 2,
         booktabs = TRUE,
         align = c("l", rep("c", 7)),
         linesep = "",
         caption = custom_caption,
         col.names = c("Effect", "Estimate", "Lower 95\\% CI", "Upper 95\\% CI",
                        "Std. Error", "$df$", "$t$", "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
```

```
kable styling(latex options = c("HOLD position", "scale down")) |>
footnote(general = paste0("$R^2_{conditional}$ = ",
                          round(r2_nakagawa(mod)$R2_conditional, 3),
                          ", $R^2_{marginal}$ = ",
                          round(r2_nakagawa(mod)$R2_marginal, 3),
                          effects and interactions between sexual desire (SD) dimensions,
                          sex, and Stimuli sex.
                          Confidence intervales were calculated as the 2.5 and 97.5
                          percentiles from bootstrap (1000 simulations).
                          Continuous variables were centered and scaled
                          (represented as \\\\textbf{(C)} in variable names).
                          Gender = participants gender (women, men);
                          Stimuli sex = sex of stimuli (female, male);
                          Solitary SD = Solitary Sexual Desire;
                          Attractive person;
                          Partner DSD = Dyadic Sexual Desire toward partner.
                          \\\\textit{Sum-to-zero} contrasts were used to display
                          \\\\textit{p}-values that represent main effects and interactions
                          in an ANOVA-type manner (i.e. the intercept is the grand mean of
                          As reference categories
                          \\\\textit{Men} for gender,
                          and \\\\textit{Male} for stimuli sex.
                          Contrasted levels are in square brackets.
                          Significant effects are in bold."),
         escape = FALSE,
         threeparttable = TRUE,
         footnote_as_chunk = TRUE)
return(modTab)
```

1.3.5 emms.sig

Function to create a table of estimated marginal means and contrasts at three levels of a covariate, representing significance levels from emmeans::emmeans outputs. The function highlights significant p values, and formats the output in \LaTeX , ready to be used with kable.

```
# Version 1, for interactions
emms.sig <- function(low.i, mid.i, hi.i) {
  emm.low <- data.frame(low.i[[1]])
  emm.mid <- data.frame(mid.i[[1]])
  emm.hi <- data.frame(hi.i[[1]])
  con.low <- data.frame(low.i[[2]])
  con.mid <- data.frame(mid.i[[2]])
  con.hi <- data.frame(hi.i[[2]])

low.tab <- merge(emm.low, con.low, by = 0, all = TRUE)
  mid.tab <- merge(emm.mid, con.mid, by = 0, all = TRUE)
  hi.tab <- merge(emm.hi, con.hi, by = 0, all = TRUE)

tab <- bind_rows(low.tab, mid.tab, hi.tab) |>
  select(-c(1,3,6,10:13)) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value)) |>
```

```
kable(digits = 2,
          booktabs = TRUE,
          align = c("l", rep("c", 4), "l", rep("c", 2)),
          linesep = "",
          caption = pasteO("Estimated marginal means and contrasts for ",
                            low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[1],
                            " at different levels of ",
                            low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars),
          col.names = c(low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[1],
                         "EMM", "$SE$", "$2.5\\% CI$", "$97.5\\% CI$", "Contrast", "$z$", "$p$")
          escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean - SD"),
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 2,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean"),
            start_row = 3,
            end row = 4,
            hline before = TRUE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
 pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean + SD"),
            start_row = 5,
            end_row = 6,
            hline_before = TRUE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 5, "Contrasts" = 3)) |>
 kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position") |>
  footnote(general = paste0("EMM = estimated marginal mean.
           Significant effects are in bold.
           Continuous variables were centered and scaled (in this case, ",
           low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, ").
           An asymptotic method was used to avoid extreme computation
           times (hence, no degrees of freedom are included, and
           $z$ rather than $t$ statistics are reported).
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE)
  return(tab)
emms.sig2 <- function(low.i, mid.i, hi.i) {</pre>
 emm.low <- data.frame(low.i[[1]])</pre>
 emm.mid <- data.frame(mid.i[[1]])</pre>
  emm.hi <- data.frame(hi.i[[1]])</pre>
  con.low <- data.frame(low.i[[2]])</pre>
  con.mid <- data.frame(mid.i[[2]])</pre>
  con.hi <- data.frame(hi.i[[2]])</pre>
 low.tab <- merge(emm.low, con.low, by = 0, all = TRUE)</pre>
 mid.tab <- merge(emm.mid, con.mid, by = 0, all = TRUE)
 hi.tab <- merge(emm.hi, con.hi, by = 0, all = TRUE)
  tab <- bind_rows(low.tab, mid.tab, hi.tab) |>
```

```
select(-c(1,4,7,11:14)) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value)) |>
  kable(digits = 2,
        booktabs = TRUE,
        align = c("l", "l", rep("c", 4), "l", rep("c", 2)),
        linesep = "",
        caption = paste0("Estimated marginal means and contrasts for ",
                         low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[1], " and ",
                         low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[2],
                         low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars),
        col.names = c(low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[1],
                      low.i[[1]]@misc$pri.vars[2],
                      "EMM", "$SE$", "$2.5\\% CI$", "$97.5\\% CI$", "Contrast", "$z$", "$p$")
        escape = FALSE) |>
pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean - SD"),
          start_row = 1,
          end row = 6,
          bold = TRUE) |>
pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean"),
          start_row = 7,
          end_row = 12,
          hline_before = TRUE,
          bold = TRUE) |>
pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean + SD"),
          start_row = 13,
          end_row = 18,
          hline_before = TRUE,
          bold = TRUE) |>
add header above(c("" = 6, "Contrasts" = 3)) |>
kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
footnote(general = paste0("EMM = estimated marginal mean.
         low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, ")
         An asymptotic method was used to avoid extreme computation
         times (hence, no degrees of freedom are included, and
         $z$ rather than $t$ statistics are reported).
         For contrasts, Tukey adjustment was used."),
         threeparttable = TRUE,
         footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
         escape = FALSE)
return(tab)
```

1.3.6 contr.stars

Function to create a data frame of model contrasts, representing significance levels from an emmeans::emmeans output. These data frames are formatted to be called by the ggpubr::stat_pvalue_manual function used in model figures.

1.3.7 prob.dist.tab

Function to create a table of the probability of a model for each distribution family, using the check_distribution function, from the performance package (Lüdecke et al., 2021). Values are sorted descending, first for probabilities according to the residual distribution, and then for probabilities according to the response variable. While 18 distribution families are tested, only families with at least one probability (either residual or response variable) higher than 10% are shown in the table.

```
prob.dist.tab <- function(mod){</pre>
 tibble(check_distribution(mod)) |>
   arrange(desc(p_Response)) |>
    arrange(desc(p_Residuals)) |>
 filter(p Residuals > 0.1 | p Response > 0.1) |>
 mutate(p_Residuals = paste0(round(p_Residuals*100, 2), "\\\")) |>
 mutate(p_Response = paste0(round(p_Response*100, 2), "\\%")) |>
  # Capitalise first letter of each family distribution
 mutate(Distribution = sub("(.)", "\\U\\1", Distribution, perl = TRUE)) |>
  # Create table
 kable(booktabs = TRUE,
        align = c("1", "c", "c"),
        row.names = FALSE,
        caption = "Distributional family for the model",
        col.names = c("Family",
                      "Residuals",
                      "Response"),
        escape = FALSE) |>
 kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position") |>
 row spec(1, background = "#c4c4c4") |>
 footnote(general = "Only families with at least one probability higher than
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE)
```

1.4 Load and wrangle data

Change necessary variables to factor, sort levels, and rename variables

```
# Load data
dat <- read.csv("Data/BD Heterosexuales Vertical BIG.csv") |>
 drop_na(SD_solitario) |>
 mutate_at(c("Contenido_Estimulo", "Sexo", "Sexo_Estimulo", "PrefSex", "EstRel", "Escolaridad"
              "Religion", "TiempoRP"), as.factor) |>
  # Rename variables to English
  rename(Participant = Participante,
         Age = EdadParticipante,
         `Preferred sex` = PrefSex,
         Gender = Sexo,
         `Contraceptive uso` = Anticoncep,
         `Last period` = UltimoPer,
         `Period day` = Dia_ciclo,
         Education = Escolaridad,
         Location = Residencia,
         `Location (other)` = Residencia_3_TEXT,
         `Medical history` = AntMed,
         `Sexual orientation` = OS,
         `Relationship status` = EstRel,
         `Relationship duration` = TiempoRP,
         `Partner gender` = SexPareja,
         `Relationship type` = TipoRel,
         `Age at first intercourse` = Primera.ExpSex,
         `Consented to first intercourse` = ConExpSex,
         `Number of sexual partners` = Numero.Parejas,
         `Pornography consumed last month` = Pornografia_ultimo_mes,
         Relationship = TieneRelacion,
         `MGH-SFQ (total)` = MGH.SFQ_Total,
         `Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)` = SD Diadico pareja,
         `Solitary sexual desire` = SD_solitario,
         `Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)` = SD_Diadico_p_atractiva,
         `MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)` = Satisfaccion.Sexual..MGSS_general.,
         `MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)` = Satisfaccion.Sexual..MGSS_Pareja.,
         `Stimuli code` = Codigo_Estimulo,
         `Stimuli sex` = Sexo_Estimulo,
         `Stimuli content` = Contenido_Estimulo,
         `Subjective sexual attractiveness` = Atractivo,
         `Subjective sexual arousal` = Excitacion) |>
  mutate(`Stimuli content` = recode_factor(`Stimuli content`,
                                            Erotico = "Erotic",
                                            No_erotico = "Non-erotic")) |>
 mutate(Gender = recode_factor(Gender,
                                Femenino = "Women",
                                Masculino = "Men")) |>
 mutate(`Stimuli sex` = recode_factor(`Stimuli sex`,
                                       Femenino = "Female",
                                       Masculino = "Male")) |>
 mutate(`Preferred sex` = recode_factor(`Preferred sex`,
                                         Hombre = "Male"
                                         Mujer = "Female")) |>
 mutate(Education = recode(Education,
```

```
"Postgrado" = "Postgraduate")) |>
mutate(Religion = recode(Religion,
mutate(`Pornography consumed last month` = recode(`Pornography consumed last month`,
                                                   "Una o dos veces" = "1-2 times",
                                                   "Mas de 5 veces" = "5 times or more")) |>
mutate(`Relationship duration` = recode(`Relationship duration`,
                             "Menor a 6 meses" = "Less that 6 months",
                             "Entre 6 meses y 2 anos" = "Between 6 months and 2 years",
                             "M\tilde{A}_is de 5 anos" = "More than 5 years"),
       `Relationship duration` = replace_na(`Relationship duration`, "Single")) |>
mutate(Relationship = recode(`Relationship status`,
                             "Exclusiva/No viven juntos" = "Stable",
                             "Exclusiva/Matrimonio" = "Stable",
                             "Soltero/sin contactos sexuales en un ano" = "Single",
                             "Soltero/contactos sexuales en un ano" = "Single")) |>
# Relevel factors
mutate(Education = fct_relevel(Education,
                               c("High school", "University", "Postgraduate")),
       `Pornography consumed last month` = fct_relevel(`Pornography consumed last month`,
                               c("None", "1-2 times",
                                  "3-5 times", "5 times or more")),
       `Relationship duration` = fct_relevel(`Relationship duration`,
                               c("Single", "Less that 6 months",
mutate(`Stimuli content` = as.factor(`Stimuli content`),
       `Stimuli sex` = as.factor(`Stimuli sex`)) |>
filter(Relationship != "Non-stable") |>
droplevels()
```

2 Descriptives

2.0.1 Figure S1. Demographic chacarteristics of the sample

Number of participants by demographic category.

```
group by (Gender, Relationship, Education, Religion,
          Pornography consumed last month ) |>
 rename(Porn = `Pornography consumed last month`) |>
  tally() |>
  drop_na(Religion) |>
 ungroup()
dat.demog.W <- filter(dat.demog, Gender == "Women")</pre>
dat.demog.M <- filter(dat.demog, Gender == "Men")</pre>
# Women
samp.w <- ggballoonplot(dat.demog.W, x = "Education", y = "Porn", size = "n",
              fill = "n",
              facet.by = c("Relationship", "Religion")) +
  scale_fill_viridis_c(option = "C", limits = c(1, max(dat.demog$n))) +
  scale_size_continuous(range = c(1, 7), limits = c(1, max(dat.demog$n))) +
  guides(fill = guide_legend(face = "italic"),
         size = guide legend(face = "italic")) +
 labs(title = "Women", y = "Pornography consumed last month") +
  geom_text(aes(label = n),
            size = 3, nudge_x = 0.3, nudge_y = 0.1) +
  geom_text(aes(label = paste0("\n(",
                               percent(n/sum(dat.demog$n), accuracy = 0.1),
                               ")")),
            size = 2.5, nudge_x = 0.3, nudge_y = -0.05) +
  theme_tq() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1),
        axis.text.y = element_text(angle = 45, vjust = 0.5))
# Men
samp.m <- ggballoonplot(dat.demog.M, x = "Education", y = "Porn", size = "n",
              fill = "n",
              facet.by = c("Relationship", "Religion")) +
  scale_fill_viridis_c(option = "C", limits = c(1, max(dat.demog$n))) +
  scale_size_continuous(range = c(1, 7), limits = c(1, max(dat.demog$n))) +
  guides(fill = guide_legend(face = "italic"),
         size = guide_legend(face = "italic")) +
 labs(title = "Men", y = NULL) +
  geom_text(aes(label = n),
            size = 3, nudge_x = 0.3, nudge_y = 0.1) +
  geom_text(aes(label = paste0("\n(",
                               percent(n/sum(dat.demog$n), accuracy = 0.1),
                               ")")),
            size = 2.5, nudge_x = 0.3, nudge_y = -0.05) +
  theme_tq() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1),
        axis.text.y = element_text(angle = 45, vjust = 0.5))
ggarrange(samp.w, samp.m,
          widths = c(1.1, 1),
          common.legend = TRUE,
          legend = "bottom")
```



Figure S1. Number of participants by gender (left = women, right = men), Relationship (stable = top panels, single = bottom panels), Religion (non-religious = left panels by gender, religious = right panels by gender), Education (X axis), and pornography consumed during the last month (Y axis). The number of participants for each combination of these five variables is displayed as numbers (percentage in brackets), as well as by the color and size of the bubbles.

2.1 Descriptive statistics of the participants by gender

Calculate mean values per participant for relevant, numeric variables.

2.1.1 Table S1. Descriptive statistics of the participants by gender

Table of descriptives by gender.

```
# Remove numbers included to differentiate repeated row names (now on column 1)
mutate("Measured characteristic" = str_replace_all(`Measured characteristic`,
                                                   c("1" = "", "2" = "", "3" = "", "4" = "")))
kable(digits = 2,
      booktabs = TRUE,
      align = c("l", "l", rep("c", 7)),
      linesep = "",
      caption = "Descriptive statistics the participants by gender
      col.names = c("Measured characteristic", "Gender", "Relationship status",
                    "$n$", "Mean", "$SD$", "Median", "Min", "Max"),
      longtable = TRUE,
      escape = FALSE) |>
kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position"),
              font_size = 8.2) |>
collapse_rows(columns = 1:3, valign = "middle") |>
footnote(general = "Because for \\\\textit{Subjective sexual attractiveness} and
         \\\\textit{Subjective sexual arousal} there are multiple within-subject
         observations, descriptives are calculated from mean values per participant.",
         threeparttable = TRUE,
         footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
         escape = FALSE)
```

Table S1. Descriptive statistics the participants by gender and relationship status

Measured characteristic	Gender	Relationship status	n	Mean	SD	Median	Min	Max
	Women	Stable	105	24.51	5.58	23.00	18.00	40.00
Ama	women	Single	79	22.27	3.84	21.00	18.00	36.00
Age	Men	Stable	72	26.72	5.64	25.00	19.00	40.00
	Men	Single	67	24.24	4.58	23.00	18.00	39.00
	Women	Stable	103	4.41	3.77	3.00	1.00	22.00
Number of sexual partners	women	Single	76	5.74	8.85	3.00	0.00	63.00
Number of sexual partners	Men	Stable	72	8.72	11.36	5.00	1.00	70.00
	Men	Single	66	7.30	8.06	4.00	0.00	40.00
	Women	Stable	104	3.31	0.96	3.75	0.00	4.00
MGH-SFQ (total)	women	Single	79	2.80	1.23	3.50	0.00	4.00
MGn-SrQ (total)	Men	Stable	72	3.59	0.62	3.90	0.60	4.00
	Men	Single	67	3.38	0.83	3.80	0.60	4.00
	11 7	Stable	100	25.88	5.67	28.00	6.00	30.00
MCCClti-fti (Cl)	Women	Single	10	26.90	3.11	27.00	22.00	30.00
MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)	Men	Stable	70	26.43	4.54	29.00	12.00	30.00
	Men	Single	12	23.58	5.14	24.50	14.00	29.00
	W	Stable	100	28.13	4.20	30.00	8.00	30.00
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	Women	Single	10	28.10	2.13	29.00	25.00	30.00
MG55 sexual satisfaction (Farther)	Men	Stable	70	28.49	3.48	30.00	18.00 18.00 18.00 18.00 19.00 19.00 18.00 0 1.00 0 1.00 0 0 0.00 0 0.00 0 0.00 0 0.60 0 0.60 0 0 12.00 0 12.00 0 14.00 0 0 8.00 0 0 5.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00 0 15.00	30.00
	ivien	Single	12	26.08	4.85	.58 23.00 .84 21.00 .64 25.00 .58 23.00 .77 3.00 .85 3.00 .1.36 5.00 .06 4.00 .96 3.75 .23 3.50 .62 3.90 .83 3.80 .67 28.00 .11 27.00 .54 29.00 .14 24.50 .20 30.00 .13 29.00 .48 30.00 .85 27.50 .11 2.78 .06 3.11	15.00	30.00
	Wamas	Stable	105	2.94	1.11	2.78	1.00	5.49
	Women	Single	79	3.19	1.06	3.11	1.44	6.77
		Stable	72	3.27	0.94	3.24	1.11	6.20

Subjective sexual attractiveness								
	Men	Single	67	3.20	0.90	3.18	1.09	5.72
	117	Stable	105	1.59	0.68	1.39	1.00	4.21
Cultivation annual annual	Women —	Single	79	1.75	0.71	1.52	1.00	4.39
Subjective sexual arousal	Men —	Stable	72	2.24	0.83	2.07	1.00	4.57
	Men —	Single	67	2.16	0.78	2.05	1.00	4.09
	Women —	Stable	105	11.53	8.59	12.00	0.00	29.00
Colitanu garnual desina	women —	Single	79	16.03	8.35	17.00	0.00	31.00
Solitary sexual desire	Men —	Stable	72	17.47	7.51	17.50	0.00	31.00
	Men —	Single	67	18.25	7.10	19.00	1.00	31.00
	W	Stable	105	10.55	7.64	10.00	0.00	30.00
Dec 3:	Women —	Single	79	14.06	7.39	15.00	0.00	32.00
Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)	Men —	Stable	72	16.21	7.44	15.50	0.00	32.00
	Men —	Single	67	17.57	6.66	17.00	2.00	30.00
	Women —	Stable	105	27.53	8.50	30.00	0.00	38.00
Dyndia gazual decina (Pantnan)	women —	Single	76	21.33	10.91	23.00	0.00	38.00
Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)	Mon	Stable	72	31.35	5.33	32.00	15.00	38.00
	Men —	Single	67	25.81	9.40	28.00	0.00	38.00

Note: Because for Subjective sexual attractiveness and Subjective sexual arousal there are multiple within-subject observations, descriptives are calculated from mean values per participant.

2.1.2 Figure S2. Distribution of participants' measured variables by gender

Kernel density distributions by gender.

```
datp <- dat.desc |>
  pivot_longer(cols = Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`,
               names_to = "Variable",
               values_to = "Value") |>
 mutate(Variable = str_wrap(Variable, width = 30))
fs2a <- ggplot(datp |>
                 filter(Variable %in% c("Age",
                                      "Subjective sexual\nattractiveness",
                                      "Subjective sexual arousal")),
             aes(Value,
                 fill = Gender,
                 colour = Gender)) +
        geom_density(alpha = 0.3) +
        geom_vline(data = datp |>
                     filter(Variable %in% c("Age",
                                            "Number of sexual partners",
                                            "Subjective sexual\nattractiveness",
                     group_by(Variable, Gender) |>
                     summarise(mean = mean(Value, na.rm =TRUE)),
                   aes(xintercept = mean, color = Gender, linetype = Gender)) +
        scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        facet_wrap(~ Variable,
```

```
scales = "free",
                   ncol = 4) +
        labs(y = "Density",
             x = NULL) +
        theme_tq()
fs2b <- ggplot(datp |>
                 filter(Variable %in% c("MGH-SFQ (total)",
                                        "MGSS sexual satisfaction\n(General)",
                                        "MGSS sexual satisfaction\n(Partner)")),
             aes(Value,
                 fill = Gender,
                 colour = Gender)) +
        geom_density(alpha = 0.3) +
        geom_vline(data = datp |>
                     filter(Variable %in% c("MGH-SFQ (total)",
                                            "MGSS sexual satisfaction\n(General)",
                                            "MGSS sexual satisfaction\n(Partner)")) |>
                     group by(Variable, Gender) |>
                     summarise(mean = mean(Value, na.rm =TRUE)),
                   size = 1,
                   aes(xintercept = mean, color = Gender, linetype = Gender)) +
        scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        facet_wrap(~ Variable,
                   scales = "free",
        labs(y = "Density",
             x = NULL) +
        theme_tq()
fs2c <- ggplot(datp |>
                 filter(Variable %in% c("Solitary sexual desire",
                                        "Dyadic sexual desire\n(Attractive person)",
                                        "Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)")),
             aes(Value,
                 fill = Gender,
                 colour = Gender)) +
        geom_density(alpha = 0.3) +
        geom_vline(data = datp |>
                     filter(Variable %in% c("Solitary sexual desire",
                                            "Dyadic sexual desire\n(Attractive person)",
                                            "Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)")) |>
                     group_by(Variable, Gender) |>
                     summarise(mean = mean(Value, na.rm =TRUE)),
                   aes(xintercept = mean, color = Gender, linetype = Gender)) +
        scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
        facet_wrap(~ Variable,
                   scales = "free",
                   ncol = 3) +
        labs(y = "Density",
             x = NULL) +
        theme_tq()
```

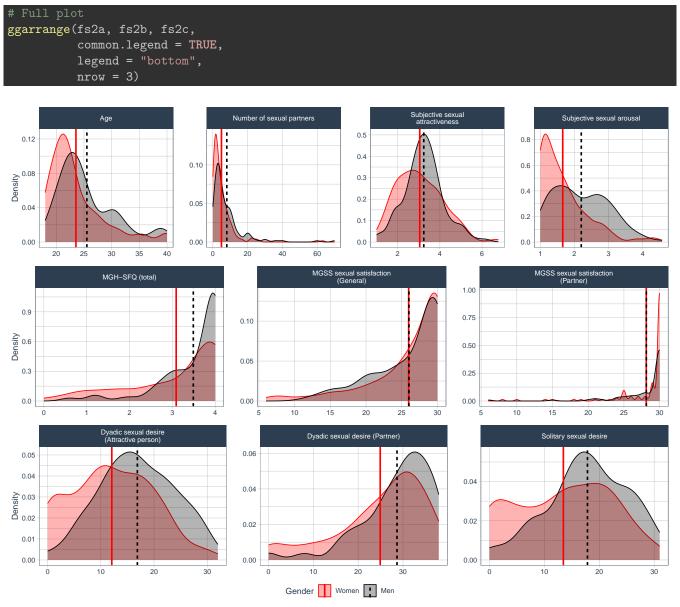


Figure S2. Distribution of measured variables by gender. Coloured vertical lines represent mean values by gender. Detailed descriptives are found in Table S1. Because for *Subjective sexual attractiveness* and *Subjective sexual arousal* there are are multiple within-subject observations, densities calculated from mean values per participant.

2.2 Correlations between measured variables

Correlation between numeric variables for women, men, and all participants combined, are reported in Table S2.

2.2.1 Table S2. Correlations between measured variables

Correlation matrix table.

```
# Correlations for women
dat.corr.W <- dat.desc |>
  ungroup() |>
  filter(Gender == "Women") |>
  select(Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`) |>
  corr.stars() |>
  rownames_to_column(var = " ")
```

```
dat.corr.M <- dat.desc |>
  ungroup() |>
  filter(Gender == "Men") |>
  select(Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`) |>
  corr.stars() |>
  rownames_to_column(var = " ")
# Correlations for all participants combined
dat.corr.All <- dat.desc |>
  ungroup() |>
  select(Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`) |>
  corr.stars() |>
 rownames_to_column(var = " ")
bind_rows(dat.corr.W, dat.corr.M, dat.corr.All) |>
  kable(digits = 2,
        booktabs = TRUE,
        align = c("l", rep("c", 9)),
        linesep = "",
        caption = "Correlations between measured variables",
        escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Women",
            start_row = 1, end_row = 10,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Men",
            start_row = 11, end_row = 20,
            hline_before = TRUE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "All participants",
            start_row = 21, end_row = 30,
            hline_before = TRUE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  column_spec(2:10, width = "2.2cm") |>
  footnote(general = paste0("Values represent Pearson correlation coefficients ($r$). ",
                            "For significance, $^{\\\dagger}p$ < 0.1, *$p$ < 0.05, ",
                            "**$p$ < 0.01, ***$p$ < 0.001. ",
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE) |>
  landscape()
```

Table S2. Correlations between measured variables

	Age	Number of sexual partners	MGH-SFQ (total)	MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)	MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	Subjective sexual attractiveness	Subjective sexual arousal	Solitary sexual desire	Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)
Women									
Age									
Number of sexual partners	0.24**								
MGH-SFQ (total)	-0.05	-0.07							
MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)	-0.21*	0.02	0.46***						
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	-0.16^{\dagger}	-0.14	0.32***	0.73***					
Subjective sexual attractiveness	0.11	0.18*	-0.04	-0.22*	-0.18^{\dagger}				
Subjective sexual arousal	0.00	0.17*	-0.13^{\dagger}	-0.18^{\dagger}	-0.16^{\dagger}	0.54***			
Solitary sexual desire	-0.14^{\dagger}	0.28***	0.05	-0.06	-0.18^{\dagger}	0.31***	0.33***		
Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)	0.06	0.32***	-0.17*	-0.04	-0.17^{\dagger}	0.34***	0.36***	0.44***	
Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)	0.00	0.21**	0.43***	0.44***	0.27**	0.13^{\dagger}	0.04	0.31***	0.13^{\dagger}
Men									
Age									
Number of sexual partners	0.23**								
MGH-SFQ (total)	0.04	0.02							
MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)	-0.24*	-0.08	0.36***						
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	-0.13	-0.01	0.10	0.63***					
Subjective sexual attractiveness	0.10	-0.05	-0.08	-0.10	-0.02				
Subjective sexual arousal	0.2*	0.07	0.05	-0.14	-0.09	0.46***			
Solitary sexual desire	-0.16^{\dagger}	0.00	0.09	0.10	0.17	0.26**	0.11		
Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)	0.12	0.29***	0.03	-0.13	-0.08	0.25**	0.43***	0.25**	
Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)	0.11	0.07	0.36***	0.55***	0.22*	0.14	0.24**	0.17*	0.2*
All participants									
Age									
Number of sexual partners	0.26***								
MGH-SFQ (total)	0.02	0.01							
MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)	-0.22**	-0.03	0.42***						
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	-0.14*	-0.07	0.24***	0.69***					
Subjective sexual attractiveness	0.12*	0.08	-0.03	-0.18*	-0.12				
Subjective sexual arousal	0.15**	0.17**	0.01	-0.15*	-0.12^{\dagger}	0.5***			
Solitary sexual desire	-0.09	0.17**	0.11^{\dagger}	0.00	-0.05	0.31***	0.3***		
Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)	0.14*	0.33***	-0.04	-0.07	-0.12^{\dagger}	0.32***	0.45***	0.42***	
Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)	0.08	0.16**	0.43***	0.46***	0.25***	0.15**	0.18**	0.3***	0.21***

Note: Values represent Pearson correlation coefficients (r). For significance, $^{\dagger}p < 0.1$, $^*p < 0.05$, $^{**}p < 0.01$, $^{***}p < 0.001$. Significant correlations are in bold.

2.3 Internal consistency

Six variables were calculated from multiple items (1. MGH-SFQ, 2. Dyadic sexual desire (Partner), 3. Solitary sexual desire, 4. Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person), 5. MGSS sexual satisfaction (General) and 6. MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)).

Data by item, for each participant, is included in the following data base, loaded as dat.reli:

Participant 122 was excluded because they did not respond the psychological scales.

To measure the internal consistency of these tests, we used standardized Cronbach's alpha (α or Tau-equivalent reliability: ρ_T) coefficients, using the function cronbach.alpha from the package ltm (Rizopoulos, 2006).

Importantly, given that for MGH-SFQ one item was answered only by men, the internal consistency of this variable was measured independently for each gender.

```
# MGH-SFQ for men
MGH.m <- dat.reli |>
  filter(Gender == "Men" ) |>
 select(3:7) |>
 drop_na() |>
  cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
# MGH-SFQ for women
MGH.w <- dat.reli |>
 filter(Gender == "Women" ) |>
 select(3:5,7) |>
 drop_na() |>
  cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
# Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)
DSD.p <- dat.reli |>
 select(9:13) |>
 drop_na() |>
 cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
SSD.p <- dat.reli |>
 select(15:18) |>
 drop_na() |>
  cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
DSD.a <- dat.reli |>
  select(20:23) |>
 drop_na()|>
  cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
MGSS.g <- dat.reli |>
  select(26:30) |>
  drop_na() |>
  cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
```

```
# MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)
MGSS.p <- dat.reli |>
   select(32:36) |>
   drop_na()|>
   cronbach.alpha(CI = TRUE, standardized = TRUE)
```

2.3.1 Table S3. Internal consistency of construct variables

Table of Cronbach's α for construct variables.

```
tibble(Variable = c("MGH-SFQ", "MGH-SFQ",
                    "MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)",
                    "Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)",
                    "Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)"),
       Gender = c("Men", "Women", rep(" ", 5)),
       p = c(MGH.m$p,
             MGH.w$p,
             MGSS.g$p,
             MGSS.p$p,
             DSD.p$p,
             SSD.p$p,
             DSD.a$p),
       n = c(MGH.m$n,
             MGH.w$n,
             MGSS.g$n,
             MGSS.p$n,
             DSD.p$n,
             SSD.p$n,
             DSD.a$n),
       alpha = c(MGH.m\$alpha,
                 MGH.w$alpha,
                 MGSS.g$alpha,
                 MGSS.p$alpha,
                 DSD.p$alpha,
                 SSD.p$alpha,
                 DSD.a$alpha),
       ci2.5 = c(MGH.m$ci[1],
                 MGH.w$ci[1],
                 MGSS.g$ci[1],
                 MGSS.p$ci[1],
                 DSD.p$ci[1],
                 SSD.p$ci[1],
                 DSD.a$ci[1]),
       ci97.5 = c(MGH.m$ci[2],
                  MGH.w$ci[2],
                  MGSS.g$ci[2],
                  MGSS.p$ci[2],
                  DSD.p$ci[2],
                  SSD.p$ci[2],
                  DSD.a$ci[2])) |>
 kable(digits = 2,
        booktabs = TRUE,
        align = c("l", "l", rep("c", 5)),
```

```
linesep = "",
      caption = "Internal consistency of measured variables",
     escape = FALSE,
      col.names = c("Variable", "Gender",
                    "Items",
                    "$\\alpha$",
                    "$2.5\\% CI$",
                    "$97.5\\% CI$")) |>
collapse_rows(columns = 1, valign = "middle") |>
kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position") |>
footnote(general = "95\\\% confidence intervals were calculated with 1,000 bootstrap samples
         Standardized Cronbach's alpha ($\\\alpha$) coefficients were computed.
         MGH-SFQ is reported by gender, because one item was answered only by men.",
         threeparttable = TRUE,
         footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
         escape = FALSE)
```

Table S3. Internal consistency of measured variables

Variable	Gender	Items	n	α	2.5%CI	97.5%CI
Man and	Men	5	139	0.82	0.70	0.89
MGH-SFQ	Women	4	181	0.86	0.82	0.90
MGSS sexual satisfaction (General)		5	188	0.92	0.89	0.94
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)		5	187	0.91	0.85	0.95
Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)		5	309	0.90	0.88	0.92
Solitary sexual desire		4	314	0.91	0.89	0.93
Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)		4	320	0.89	0.87	0.91

Note: 95% confidence intervals were calculated with 1,000 bootstrap samples. Standardized Cronbach's alpha (α) coefficients were computed. MGH-SFQ is reported by gender, because one item was answered only by men.

2.4 Controlling for Relationship Duration and MGSS Sexual Satisfaction (Partner) in Sexual Desire Dimensions

To ensure that the three sexual desire dimensions were not influenced by Relationship Duration or MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner), we applied a three-step adjustment process:

1. Estimating the effects:

- We performed separate linear regressions where each sexual desire dimension was predicted by Relationship Duration and MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner).
- This allowed us to quantify how much these external factors influence each dimension.

2. Evaluating statistical significance:

- We conducted **Type III ANOVA** to determine which predictors had a significant effect on each sexual desire dimension.
- Only MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) significantly predicted Dyadic Sexual Desire (Partner).

3. Removing the effects:

- We adjusted only Dyadic Sexual Desire (Partner) by extracting the residuals from the regression model.
- These residuals represent the variation independent of MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) and were then standardized for comparability.

Additionally, MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) was mean-centered before analysis.

Step 1: Estimating the Effects of Relationship Duration & Partner Satisfaction

Step 2: Displaying ANOVA Results for Each Model

The table below presents Type III ANOVA results for each model. Significant effects indicate that Relationship Duration or Partner Satisfaction meaningfully predict the corresponding sexual desire dimension.

```
anova_results <- bind_cols(anova_summary(Anova(ctl_SSD, type = 3)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", "),
                           anova_summary(Anova(ctl_PD, type = 3)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", "),
                           anova_summary(Anova(ctl_APD, type = 3)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", ")) |>
  select(-starts_with("p<.05")) |> # Remove Sum of Squares columns
 mutate(across(starts_with("p..."), pval.lev)) |> # Format p-values
 rename(Effect = Effect...1) |>
  select(-starts with("Effect...")) |>
 mutate_at("Effect", str_replace_all, "`", "")
anova results |>
  kable(booktabs = TRUE,
       align = c("l", rep("c", 9)), # Align columns (left for first, center for the rest)
       digits = 3,
       caption = "Effects of relationship duration and MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) in
       col.names = c("Effect", rep(c("$df$", "$F$", "$p$", "$\\eta^2_G$"), times = 3)),
       escape = FALSE) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 1,
                     "Solitary sexual desire" = 4,
                     "Dyadic sexual desire\n(Partner)" = 4,
                     "Dyadic sexual desire\n(Attractive person)" = 4)) |>
 footnote(general = "As effect size, we used the generalized eta squared
                     ($\\\eta^2_G$; see
                     \\\cite{bakemanRecommendedEffectSize2005}).
           threeparttable = TRUE,
```

```
footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
escape = FALSE)
```

Table S4. Effects of relationship duration and MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) in sexual desire dimensions

	Soli	itary sex	cual des	sire	Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)				Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person)			
Effect	df	F	p	η_G^2	df	F	p	η_G^2	df	F	p	η_G^2
Relationship duration	3, 165	0.482	0.70	0.009	3, 165	2.081	0.1	0.036	3, 165	0.095	0.96	0.002
MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner)	1, 165	0.029	0.86	0.000	1, 165	8.875	0.003	0.051	1, 165	0.884	0.35	0.005

Note: As effect size, we used the generalized eta squared (η_G^2 ; see Bakeman, 2005). Significant effects are in bold.

Step 3: Controlling Scores Based on ANOVA Results

From the ANOVA results, only the effect of MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) on Dyadic sexual desire (Partner) was significant. Thus, only Dyadic Sexual Desire (Partner) scores were adjusted, while the other dimensions remained unchanged.

3 Hypothesis tests

3.1 Hypothesis 1: All dimensions of trait sexual desire (TSD) will be higher in men than in women, and the differences will be stronger or weaker according to relationship status

We tested whether relationship type and gender interact as predictors of sexual desire (H1a: Solitary TSD; H1b: Dyadic TSD toward an attractive person; H1c: Dyadic TSD toward a partner). To examine this hypothesis, we modeled the effects of relationship type and gender on each of the three TSD scores.

However, models using the original TSD scores did not meet the assumption of normally distributed residuals. To address this, we applied an ordered normalization transformation to each TSD variable. We then fitted and compared models predicting both the original (as a proportion, to make scores comparable) and transformed (normalized) TSD dimensions. In all three cases, models using the normalized variables provided a better fit, so all inferences are based on these models.

3.1.1 Data

A data frame was created with one row per participant, where sexual desire variables were normalized as proportions. An ordered quantile normalization transformation (Peterson & Cavanaugh, 2020) was then applied using the orderNorm function from the bestNormalize package (Peterson, 2021), and the transformed values were added as new variables.

```
# Process the dataset and create transformed variables
dat m1 <- dat |>
 group_by(Participant) |>
 slice head() |>
  # Remove the grouping structure to avoid unintended behavior in later operations
  ungroup() |>
 mutate("Solitary sexual desire (proportion)" =
           `Solitary sexual desire` / 31,
         "Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (proportion)" =
           Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person) / 32,
         "Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (proportion)" =
           `Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)` / 38)
trs_SSD <- orderNorm(dat_m1$`Solitary sexual desire (proportion)`)</pre>
trs DSDat <- orderNorm(dat m1$`Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (proportion)`)
trs_DSDpt <- orderNorm(dat_m1$`Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (proportion)`)
dat m1 <- dat m1 |>
 mutate("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" =
           predict(trs_SSD), # Transformed solitary sexual desire
         "Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" =
           predict(trs_DSDat), # Transformed dyadic sexual desire (attractive person)
         "Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" =
           predict(trs_DSDpt)) # Transformed dyadic sexual desire (partner)
```

3.1.2 Hypothesis 1a: Solitary TSD

3.1.2.1 Model the effects of relationship type and gender on Solitary TSD We fitted models with both the original (proportion; m1a_prop) and transformed (normalized; m1a_norm) TSD scores, and performed posterior predictive checks (PPCs). As shown elsewhere (e.g., Gabry et al., 2019), if simulated data from one model are more similar to the observed outcome, that model is likely to be preferred.

3.1.2.1.1 Figure S3: Posterior predictive checks (PPCs) for Hypothesis 1a. PPCs were performed using the check_model function from the performance package (Lüdecke et al., 2021), and reported in Fig. S3. Simulated data from the normalized Solitary TSD model (Fig. S3b) are more similar to the observed outcome, so this model is preferred.

```
check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                          colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme_tq() +
                       facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c(
                         "1" = "Original (proportion) Solitary TSD"))),
                     plot(check model(m1a norm,
                                       panel = FALSE,
                                       check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                          colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme_tq() +
                       facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c(
                         "1" = "Transformed (normalized) Solitary TSD"))),
                     labels = "auto",
                     common.legend = TRUE,
                     legend = "bottom")
ppc_m1a
```

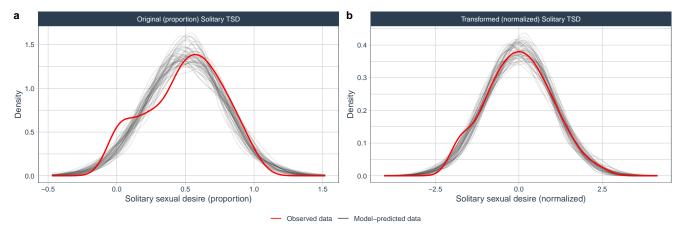


Figure S3. Posterior predictive check. (a) Original (proportion) Solitary TSD; (b) Transformed (normalized) Solitary TSD. In both panels, red lines represent the observed data, and thin black lines represent 50 iterations of simulated data from each model.

3.1.2.2 Table S5. Regression-type table for the interaction between Relationship type, and Gender This tables summarizes the results of the model.

This tables summarizes the results of the model.

anova.sig(model = m1a_norm, custom_caption = "Effects of relationship type and gender on solitary sexual d

Table S5. Effects of relationship type and gender on solitary sexual desire

F'	p	η_G^2
9 8.36	0.004	0.06 0.03 0.01
	9 19.01	9 19.01 < 0.0001 9 8.36 0.004

Note:

Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile normalization (Peterson and Cavanaugh, 2020). Results are type III ANOVA. Gender = participants gender (women, men); Relationship = relationship type (stable, single). As effect size, we used the generalized eta squared (η_G^2 ; see Bakeman, 2005). Significant effects are in bold.

- **3.1.2.3** *Post-hoc* **comparisons** Because the main effects of gender, relationship type, and their interaction are significant, we explored these effects using estimated marginal means.
- **3.1.2.3.1** Table S6. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' genders. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between genders. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1a1 <- emmeans(m1a_norm, ~ Gender)</pre>
emms.m1a1.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1a1))</pre>
t.m1a1 <- contr.stars(emms.m1a1) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
merge(emms.m1a1.tab, t.m1a1, by = 0, all = TRUE) |>
  select(-c(1,15)) |>
  unite(Contrast, group1, group2, sep = " - ") |>
  mutate at("Contrast", str replace all, "NA - NA", " ") |>
  kable(digits = 2,
          booktabs = TRUE,
          align = c("l", rep("c", 5), "l", rep("c", 5)),
          linesep = "",
          caption = "Estimated marginal means each gender",
          col.names = c("Gender",
                         "EMM",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                         "$2.5\\% CI$",
                         "$97.5\\% CI$",
                         "Contrast",
                         "Difference",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                         "$t$",
                         "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 6, "Contrasts" = 6)) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  footnote(general = "Significant effects are in bold.",
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE)
```

Table S6. Estimated marginal means each gender

						Contrasts									
Gender	EMM	SE	df	2.5%CI	97.5%CI	Contrast	Difference	SE	df	t	p				
Women Men		0.07 0.08	0-0	-0.30 0.13	-0.03 0.44	Women - Men	-0.46	0.1	319	-4.36	< 0.0001				

Note: Significant effects are in bold.

3.1.2.3.2 Table S7. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship types. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship types. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1a2 <- emmeans(m1a_norm, ~ Relationship)</pre>
emms.m1a2.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1a2))</pre>
t.m1a2 <- contr.stars(emms.m1a2) |>
 mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
merge(emms.m1a2.tab, t.m1a2, by = 0, all = TRUE) |>
  select(-c(1,15)) |>
  unite(Contrast, group1, group2, sep = " - ") |>
  mutate_at("Contrast", str_replace_all, "NA - NA", " ") |>
  kable(digits = 2,
          booktabs = TRUE,
          align = c("l", rep("c", 5), "l", rep("c", 5)),
          linesep = "",
          caption = "Estimated marginal means each gender",
          col.names = c("Relationship type",
                         "EMM",
                         "$SE$".
                         "$df$",
                         "$97.5\\% CI$",
                         "Difference",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                         "$t$",
                         "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 6, "Contrasts" = 6)) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  footnote(general = "Significant effects are in bold.",
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE)
```

Table S7. Estimated marginal means each gender

						Contrasts								
Relationship type	EMM	SE	df	2.5%CI	97.5%CI	Contrast	Difference	SE	df	t	p			
Stable Single	-0.09 0.21	0.07 0.08	319 319	-0.23 0.06	0.05 0.36	Stable - Single	-0.3	0.1	319	-2.89	0.0041			

Note: Significant effects are in bold.

3.1.2.3.3 Table S8. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship types. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship types. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1a3 <- emmeans(m1a_norm, ~ Gender | Relationship)

emms.m1a3.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1a3))

t.m1a3 <- contr.stars(emms.m1a3) |>
    mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
```

```
t.m1a3.f <- t.m1a3 |>
  insertRows(2, new = NA) |>
insertRows(4, new = NA)
merge(emms.m1a3.tab, t.m1a3.f, by = 0, all = TRUE) |>
  select(-c(1,3,11,17)) |>
  drop na(Gender) |>
  unite(Contrast, group1, group2, sep = " - ") |>
  mutate_at("Contrast", str_replace_all, "NA - NA", "") |>
  kable(digits = 2,
          booktabs = TRUE,
          align = c("l", "l", rep("c", 5), "l", rep("c", 5)),
          linesep = "",
          caption = "Estimated marginal means for the three dimensions of sexual desire by
          col.names = c("Gender",
                        "EMM",
                        "$SE$".
                        "$df$",
                        "$97.5\\% CI$",
                        "Difference",
                        "$SE$",
                        "$df$",
                        "$t$",
                        "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Stable",
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 2,
            hline_before = FALSE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Single",
            start_row = 3,
            end_row = 4,
            hline_before = TRUE,
            bold = TRUE) |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 6, "Contrasts" = 6)) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  footnote(general = "Significant effects are in bold.",
           threeparttable = TRUE,
           footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
           escape = FALSE)
```

Table S8. Estimated marginal means for the three dimensions of sexual desire by relationship status

							Со	ntrasts	;		
Gender	EMM	SE	df	2.5%CI	97.5%CI	Contrast	Difference	SE	df	t	p
Relations	hip stat	us: St	able								
Women	-0.43	0.09	319	-0.61	-0.25	Women - Men	-0.67	0.14	319	-4.74	< 0.0001
Men	0.24	0.11	319	0.03	0.46						
Relations	hip stat	us: Si	ngle								
Women	0.09	0.10	319	-0.11	0.30	Women - Men	-0.24	0.15	319	-1.57	0.12
Men	0.33	0.11	319	0.11	0.55						

Note:

Significant effects are in bold.

3.1.3 Figure S4. Differences among the three dimensions of sexual desire

This figure summarizes the results of hypothesis 1.

```
# Gender main effect
h1a1 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                          color = Gender)) +
  geom_violin(trim = FALSE) +
  geom_jitter(alpha = 0.3, width = 0.1) +
  scale color manual(values = color.Gender) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
  geom errorbar(data = emms.m1a1.tab |>
                  rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL),
                colour = "black", width = 0.1) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1a1.tab |>
                  rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
             shape = 21, size = 3,
             color = "black", fill = "white") +
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1a1,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 3.5,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
h1a2 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Relationship, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                          color = Relationship)) +
  geom violin(trim = FALSE) +
  geom_jitter(alpha = 0.3, width = 0.1) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  geom_errorbar(data = emms.m1a2.tab |>
                  rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL),
                colour = "black", width = 0.1) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1a2.tab |>
                  rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
             shape = 21, size = 3,
             color = "black", fill = "white") +
  stat pvalue manual(t.m1a2,
```

```
label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 3.5,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
h1a3 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                           color = Gender)) +
 geom_violin(trim = FALSE) +
 geom_jitter(alpha = 0.3, width = 0.1) +
 scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
  facet_wrap(~Relationship) +
  geom_errorbar(data = emms.m1a3.tab |>
                 rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL),
                colour = "black", width = 0.1) +
 geom_point(data = emms.m1a3.tab|>
                 rename('Solitary sexual desire (normalized)' = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
             shape = 21, size = 3,
             color = "black", fill = "white") +
 stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1a3,
                     label = "p.signif",
                    y.position = 3.5,
                    tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
pla <- ggarrange(h1a1, h1a2, h1a3,
                 labels = "auto",
                 widths = c(1,1,1.5))
p1a
```

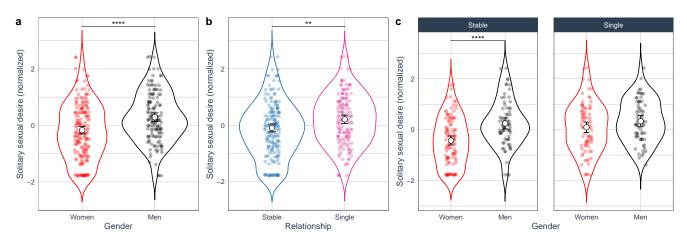


Figure S4. Effects of gender and relationship type on solitary sexual desire. Solitary sexual desire was transformed using ordered quantile normalization (Peterson & Cavanaugh, 2020). (a) Simple comparison between sexual desire by gender (for detailed results, see Table S6); (b) Simple comparison between relationship status levels (for detailed results, see Table S7); (c) Interaction between relationship type and relationship status (see Table S5; for detailed results, see Table S8). White dots and black bars represent estimated marginal means and 95% CI. In all cases, significant effects are represented with lines and stars: *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, ****p < 0.0001.

4 Session info (for reproducibility)

library(pander)
pander(sessionInfo(), locale = FALSE)

R version 4.4.2 (2024-10-31)

Platform: x86_64-pc-linux-gnu

attached base packages: stats, graphics, grDevices, utils, datasets, methods and base

other attached packages: pander(v.0.6.5), Hmisc(v.5.2-2), rstatix(v.0.7.2), bestNormalize(v.1.9.1), berryFunctions(v.1.22.5), emmeans(v.1.10.7), lmerTest(v.3.1-3), lme4(v.1.1-36), Matrix(v.1.7-2), scales(v.1.3.0), psych(v.2.4.12), kableExtra(v.1.4.0), performance(v.0.13.0), PerformanceAnalytics(v.2.0.8), quantmod(v.0.4.26), TTR(v.0.24.4), xts(v.0.14.1), zoo(v.1.8-12), tidyquant(v.1.0.10), ggpubr(v.0.6.0), lubridate(v.1.9.4), forcats(v.1.0.0), stringr(v.1.5.1), dplyr(v.1.1.4), purrr(v.1.0.4), readr(v.2.1.5), tidyr(v.1.3.1), tibble(v.3.2.1), ggplot2(v.3.5.1), tidyverse(v.2.0.0), car(v.3.1-3), carData(v.3.0-5), ltm(v.1.2-0), polycor(v.0.8-1), msm(v.1.8.2), MASS(v.7.3-64), readxl(v.1.4.3) and knitr(v.1.49)

loaded via a namespace (and not attached): rstudioapi(v.0.17.1), magrittr(v.2.0.3), TH.data(v.1.1-3), estimability(v.1.5.1), farver(v.2.1.2), nloptr(v.2.1.1), rmarkdown(v.2.29), vctrs(v.0.6.5), minqa(v.1.2.8), base64enc(v.0.1-3), butcher(v.0.3.4), htmltools(v.0.5.8.1), curl(v.6.2.0), broom(v.1.0.7), cellranger(v.1.1.0), Formula(v.1.2-5), parallelly(v.1.41.0), htmlwidgets(v.1.6.4), sandwich(v.3.1-1), admisc(v.0.37), lifecycle(v.1.0.4), iterators(v.1.0.14), pkgconfig(v.2.0.3), R6(v.2.5.1), fastmap(v.1.2.0), rbibutils(v.2.3), future(v.1.34.0), digest(v.0.6.37), numDeriv(v.2016.8-1.1), colorspace(v.2.1-1), labeling(v.0.4.3), timechange(v.0.3.0), abind(v.1.4-8), compiler(v.4.4.2), rngtools(v.1.5.2), withr(v.3.0.2), doParallel(v.1.0.17), htmlTable(v.2.4.3), backports(v.1.5.0), ggsignif(v.0.6.4), lava(v.1.8.1), tools(v.4.4.2), foreign(v.0.8-88), RobStatTM(v.1.0.11), future.apply(v.1.11.3), nnet(v.7.3-20), glue(v.1.8.0), quadprog(v.1.5-8), nlme(v.3.1-167), grid(v.4.4.2), checkmate(v.2.3.2), cluster(v.2.1.8), see(v.0.10.0), generics(v.0.1.3), recipes(v.1.1.0), gtable(v.0.3.6), nortest(v.1.0-4), tzdb(v.0.4.0), class(v.7.3-23), data.table(v.1.16.4), hms(v.1.1.3), xml2(v.1.3.6), foreach(v.1.5.2), pillar(v.1.10.1), splines(v.4.4.2), lattice(v.0.22-6), survival(v.3.8-3), tidyselect(v.1.2.1), gridExtra(v.2.3), reformulas(v.0.4.0), bookdown(v.0.42), svglite(v.2.1.3), xfun(v.0.50), expm(v.1.0-0), hardhat(v.1.4.0), timeDate(v.4041.110), stringi(v.1.8.4), systemfonts(v.1.2.1), Rd-pack(v.2.6.2), munsell(v.0.5.1), Rcpp(v.1.0.14), globals(v.0.16.3), coda(v.0.19-4.1), parallel(v.4.4.2), gower(v.1.0.2),

doRNG(v.1.8.6.1), listenv(v.0.9.1), viridisLite(v.0.4.2), mvtnorm(v.1.3-3), ipred(v.0.9-15), prodlim(v.2024.06.25), insight(v.1.0.1), rlang(v.1.1.5), cowplot(v.1.1.3), multcomp(v.1.4-28) and mnormt(v.2.1.1)

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