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(lme4)
library(ordinal)
library(lmerTest)
library(ltm)
library(car)
library(tidyquant)
library(performance)
library(kableExtra)
library(psych)
library(scales)
library(emmeans)
library(berryFunctions)
library(bestNormalize)
library(rstatix)
library(effectsize)
library(ggpubr)
library(tidyverse)
```

```
#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 stimuli content
color.Content <- c("#41AB5D","navyblue")</pre>
```

1.3 Custom functions

1.3.1 pval.lev and pe2.lev

This functions take p-values and epsilon squared effect sizes and formats them in LATEX, highlighting significant p-values in bold and representing all in an appropriate level.

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) {
  require(Hmisc)</pre>
```

```
x <- as.matrix(x)
R <- 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)</pre>
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.lm and anova.sig.lmer

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.

```
anova.sig.lm <- function(model, custom_caption) {</pre>
 aovTab <- bind_cols(anova_summary(Anova(model, type = 3)),</pre>
                      epsilon_squared(model)) |>
   unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", ") |>
   select(Effect, df, F, p, Epsilon2_partial) |>
   mutate(p = pval.lev(p),
           Epsilon2_partial = pe2.lev(Epsilon2_partial)) |>
   mutate_at("Effect", str_replace_all, ":", " × ") |>
   kable(digits = 2,
          booktabs = TRUE,
         align = c("l", rep("c", 4)),
         linesep = "",
          caption = custom_caption,
          col.names = c("Effect", "$df$", "$F$", "$p$", "$\\epsilon^2_p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
   kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
   footnote(general = paste0("Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile
                              (\\\cite{petersonOrderedQuantileNormalization2020a}).
                              Results are type III ANOVA.
                              R^2 = ",
```

```
round(r2(model)$R2, 3),
                              ", R^2_{adjusted} = ",
                              round(r2(model)$R2_adjusted, 3),
                              ". Gender = participants gender (women, men);
                              As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared
                              ($\\\epsilon^2 p$), which provides a less biases
                              estimate than $\\\eta^2$ (see
                              \\\cite{albersWhenPowerAnalyses2018}).
             escape = FALSE,
             threeparttable = TRUE,
             footnote_as_chunk = TRUE)
 return(aovTab)
anova.sig.lmer <- function(model, custom caption) {</pre>
 aovTab <- bind_cols(anova(model),</pre>
                      epsilon_squared(model)) |>
   mutate(DenDF = round(DenDF, 2)) |>
   unite(col = "df", NumDF:DenDF, sep = ", ") |>
   rownames_to_column(var = "Effect") |>
   rename("F" = "F value",
           "p" = "Pr(>F)") |>
   select(Effect, df, F, p, Epsilon2_partial) |>
   mutate(p = pval.lev(p),
          Epsilon2_partial = pe2.lev(Epsilon2_partial)) |>
   mutate_at("Effect", str_replace_all, ":", " × ") |>
   mutate_at("Effect", str_replace_all, "`", "") |>
   kable(digits = 2,
         booktabs = TRUE,
         align = c("1", rep("c", 4)),
         linesep = "",
         caption = custom_caption,
         col.names = c("Effect", "$df$", "$F$", "$p$", "$\\epsilon^2_p$"),
         escape = FALSE) |>
   kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
   footnote(general = paste0("Results are type III ANOVA.
                              $R^2_{conditional}$ = ",
                              round(r2_nakagawa(model)$R2_conditional, 3),
                              ", $R^2_{marginal}$ = ",
                              round(r2_nakagawa(model)$R2_marginal, 3),
                              ". Gender = participants gender (women, men);
                              Stimuli sex = sex of each stimulus (male, female);
                              As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared
                              ($\\\epsilon^2_p$), which provides a less biases
                              estimate than $\\\eta^2$ (see
                              \\\cite{albersWhenPowerAnalyses2018}).
             escape = FALSE,
             threeparttable = TRUE,
             footnote_as_chunk = TRUE)
  return(aovTab)
```

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.

```
emms.sig <- 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(1,3,6,10:13)) |>
    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$by.vars, " = Mean - SD"),
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 2,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean"),
            start row = 3,
            end_row = 4,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = paste0(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean + SD"),
            start row = 5,
            end_row = 6,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 5, "Contrasts" = 3)) |>
 kable_styling(latex_options = "HOLD_position") |>
  footnote(general = paste0("EMM = estimated marginal mean.
           Significant effects are in bold.
           low.i[[1]]@misc$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)
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 = pasteO("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$by.vars, " = Mean - SD"),
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 6,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = pasteO(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean"),
            start_row = 7,
            end_row = 12,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = pasteO(low.i[[1]]@misc$by.vars, " = Mean + SD"),
            start row = 13,
            end_row = 18,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  add header above(c("" = 6, "Contrasts" = 3)) |>
 kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
  footnote(general = paste0("EMM = estimated marginal mean.
```

```
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).
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.

```
contr.stars <- function(emms){</pre>
 require(emmeans)
 x <- as.data.frame(contrast(emms, interaction = "pairwise"))</pre>
 x <- separate(x,</pre>
                 col = 1,
                 into = c("group1", "group2"),
                sep = " - ",
                remove = TRUE)
 x$p.signif <- ifelse(x$p.value < 0.0001, "****",
                             ifelse(x$p.value < 0.001, "***",
                                     ifelse(x$p.value < 0.01, "**",
                                            ifelse(x$p.value < 0.05, "*", NA))))
 x <- x |>
   mutate_at("group1", str_replace_all, "[()]", _"") |>
   mutate_at("group2", str_replace_all, "[()]", "")
  return(x)
```

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){
    # Calculate probabilities for each distribution family
    tibble(check_distribution(mod)) |>
        arrange(desc(p_Response)) |>
        arrange(desc(p_Residuals)) |>
    # Select only distribution families with at leat a 10% probability
    filter(p_Residuals > 0.1 | p_Response > 0.1) |>
    # Transform probabilities to percentages
    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
The most likely distribution is highlighted.",
         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(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) |>
# Recode factor levels
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`,
                                                   "Nunca" = "None",
                                                   "Una o dos veces" = "1-2 times",
                                                   "Tres a cinco veces" = "3-5 times",
                                                   "Mas de 5 veces" = "5 times or more")) |>
mutate(`Relationship duration` = recode(`Relationship duration`,
                             "Sin pareja actual" = "Single",
                             "Entre 2 y 5 anos" = "Between 2 and 5 years",
       `Relationship duration` = replace_na(`Relationship duration`, "Single")) |>
mutate(Relationship = recode(`Relationship status`,
                             "Exclusiva/Matrimonio" = "Stable",
                             "Soltero/sin contactos sexuales en un ano" = "Single",
# Relevel factors
mutate(Education = fct_relevel(Education,
       `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",
```

2 Descriptives

2.0.1 Figure S1. Demographic chacarteristics of the sample

Number of participants by demographic category.

```
# Get number of participant for each combination of demographic chacarteristic
dat.demog <- dat |>
 select(Participant, Gender, Relationship, Education, Religion,
         `Pornography consumed last month`) |>
 group_by(Participant) |>
  filter(row_number() == 1) |>
 ungroup() |>
 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",</pre>
              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.

```
describeBy(dat.desc ~ Relationship + Gender,
          mat=TRUE,
           digits=2)
 rownames_to_column("Measured characteristic") |>
  select(1,3:4,6:9,12:13) |>
 slice(-(1:12)) |>
  select(1,3,2,4:9) |>
 mutate("Measured characteristic" = str_replace_all(`Measured characteristic`,
                                                     c("1" = "", "2" = "", "3" = "", "4" = "")))
  # Create table
 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 |
| A | women | Single | 79 | 22.27 | 3.84 | 21.00 | 18.00 | 36.00 |
| Age | М | 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 |
| | 11 7 | Stable | 103 | 4.41 | 3.77 | 3.00 | 1.00 | 22.00 |
| | Women | Single | 76 | 5.74 | 8.85 | 3.00 | 0.00 | 63.00 |

| Number of sexual partners | | 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 |
| | | Stable | 104 | 3.31 | 0.96 | 3.75 | 0.00 | 4.00 |
| | Women — | | | | | | | |
| MGH-SFQ (total) | | Single | 79 | 2.80 | 1.23 | 3.50 | 0.00 | 4.00 |
| | Men — | Stable | 72 | 3.59 | 0.62 | 3.90 | 0.60 | 4.00 |
| | | Single | 67 | 3.38 | 0.83 | 3.80 | 0.60 | 4.00 |
| | Women — | Stable | 100 | 25.88 | 5.67 | 28.00 | 6.00 | 30.00 |
| MGSS sexual satisfaction (General) | | Single | 10 | 26.90 | 3.11 | 27.00 | 22.00 | 30.00 |
| | Men — | Stable | 70 | 26.43 | 4.54 | 29.00 | 12.00 | 30.00 |
| | | Single | 12 | 23.58 | 5.14 | 24.50 | 14.00 | 29.00 |
| | Women — | Stable | 100 | 28.13 | 4.20 | 30.00 | 8.00 | 30.00 |
| MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) | | Single | 10 | 28.10 | 2.13 | 29.00 | 25.00 | 30.00 |
| , | Men — | Stable | 70 | 28.49 | 3.48 | 30.00 | 6.00 | 30.00 |
| | | Single | 12 | 26.08 | 4.85 | 27.50 | 15.00 | 30.00 |
| | Women — | Stable | 105 | 2.94 | 1.11 | 2.78 | 1.00 | 5.49 |
| Subjective sexual attractiveness | | Single | 79 | 3.19 | 1.06 | 3.11 | 1.44 | 6.77 |
| Subjective sexual attractiveness | Men — | Stable | 72 | 3.27 | 0.94 | 3.24 | 1.11 | 6.20 |
| | Men | Single | 67 | 3.20 | 0.90 | 3.18 | 1.09 | 5.72 |
| | Women — | Stable | 105 | 1.59 | 0.68 | 1.39 | 1.00 | 4.21 |
| Cubicative cannol amount | women | Single | 79 | 1.75 | 0.71 | 1.52 | 1.00 | 4.39 |
| Subjective sexual arousal | M | 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 |
| | *** | Stable | 105 | 11.53 | 8.59 | 12.00 | 0.00 | 29.00 |
| | Women — | Single | 79 | 16.03 | 8.35 | 17.00 | 0.00 | 31.00 |
| Solitary sexual desire | | 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 |
| | | Stable | 105 | 10.55 | 7.64 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 |
| | Women — | Single | 79 | 14.06 | 7.39 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 32.00 |
| Dyadic sexual desire (Attractive person) | | 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 |
| | | Stable | 105 | 27.53 | 8.50 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 38.00 |
| | Women — | Single | 76 | 21.33 | 10.91 | 23.00 | 0.00 | 38.00 |
| Dyadic sexual desire (Partner) | | 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 |
| | | 0 | | | | | | |

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.

```
fs2a <- ggplot(datp |>
                 filter(Variable %in% c("Age",
                                      "Number of sexual partners",
                                      "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",
                                            "Subjective sexual arousal")) |>
                     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",
                   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",
                   ncol = 3) +
        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,
       labs(y = "Density",
            x = NULL) +
       theme_tq()
ggarrange(fs2a, fs2b, fs2c,
         common.legend = TRUE,
         legend = "bottom",
```

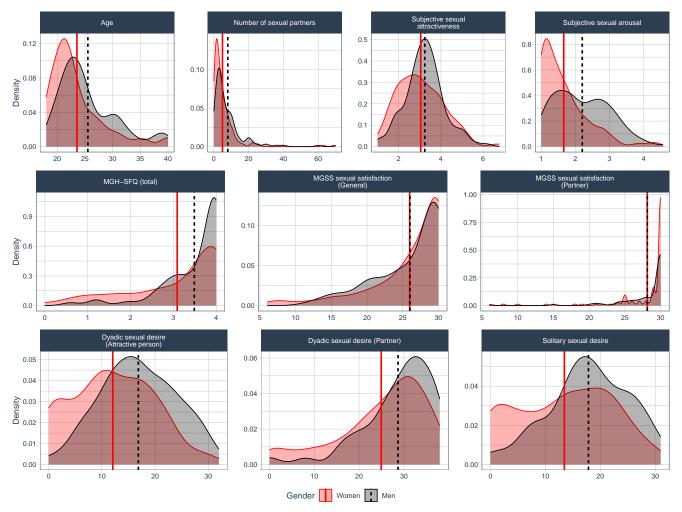


Figure S2. Distribution of measured variables by gender. Coloured vertical lines represent mean values by gender. Detailed descriptives are found in Table S1. Because for *Subjective sexual attractiveness* and *Subjective sexual arousal* there are are multiple within-subject observations, densities calculated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

# Correlations for men
dat.corr.M <- dat.desc |>
  ungroup() |>
  filter(Gender == "Men") |>
  select(Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`) |>
```

```
corr.stars() |>
  rownames_to_column(var = " ")
dat.corr.All <- dat.desc |>
  ungroup() |>
  select(Age:`Dyadic sexual desire (Partner)`) |>
  corr.stars() |>
  rownames_to_column(var = " ")
# Full formated table
bind_rows(dat.corr.W, 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 = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Men",
            start_row = 11, end_row = 20,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "All participants",
            start_row = 21, end_row = 30,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  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 sexua 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 | 0.72 | 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(bind_cols(anova_summary(Anova(ctl_SSD, type = 3)),
                                     epsilon_squared(ctl_SSD)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", "),
                           bind_cols(anova_summary(Anova(ctl_PD, type = 3)),
                                     epsilon_squared(ctl_PD)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", "),
                           bind_cols(anova_summary(Anova(ctl_APD, type = 3)),
                                     epsilon_squared(ctl_APD)) |>
                             unite(col = "df", DFn:DFd, sep = ", ")) |>
  select(-starts_with(c("p<.05", "ges...", "Parameter...", "CI"))) |> # 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("$df$", "$F$", "$p$", "$\\epsilon^2_p$"), 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 report partial epsilon squared
                     ($\\\epsilon^2_p$), which provides a less biases
```

```
estimate than $\\\eta^2$ (see
        \\\cite{albersWhenPowerAnalyses2018}).
        Significant effects are in bold.",
    threeparttable = TRUE,
    footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
    escape = FALSE)
```

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

| | Solita | ary sexu | al desi | re | D | · . | xual desi | re | · | lic sexua ractive | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|----------|---------|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------------|--------|----------------------|------|----------------|
| Effect | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 |
| Relationship duration | 3, 165 | 0.482 | 0.70 | 0 | 3, 165 | 2.081 | 0.1 | 0.041 | 3, 165 | 0.095 | 0.96 | 0 |
| MGSS sexual satisfaction (Partner) | 1, 165 | 0.029 | 0.86 | 0 | 1, 165 | 8.875 | 0.003 | 0.045 | 1, 165 | 0.884 | 0.35 | 0 |

Note: As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). 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.

```
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$`Solitary sexual desire (proportion)`)
trs_DSDat <- orderNorm(dat_m1$`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.

```
ppc_m1a <- ggarrange(plot(check_model(m1a_prop,</pre>
                                       panel = FALSE,
                                       check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                           colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme_tq() +
                       facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c(
                          "1" = "Original (proportion) Solitary TSD"))),
                     plot(check_model(m1a_norm,
                                       panel = FALSE,
                                       check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                           colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme_tq() +
                       facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c(
                      labels = "auto",
                      common.legend = TRUE,
                      legend = "bottom")
ppc_m1a
```

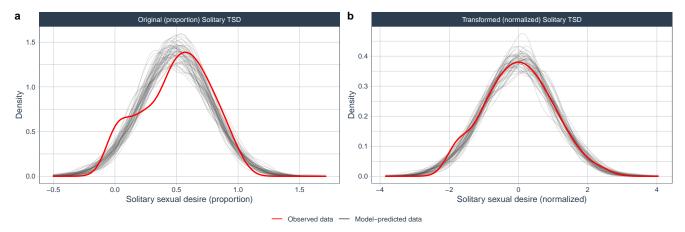


Figure S3. Posterior predictive check. (a) Original (proportion) Solitary TSD; (b) Transformed (normalized) Solitary TSD. In both panels, red lines represent the observed data, and thin black lines represent 50 iterations of simulated data from each model.

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

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

| Effect | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 |
|--------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 1, 319 1, 319 1, 319 | 22.42 14.07 4.23 | < 0.0001 < 0.001 < 0.001 0.04 | 0.06 0.03 0.01 |

Note:

Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile normalization (Peterson and Cavanaugh, 2020). Results are type III ANOVA. $R^2=0.103,\,R_{adjusted}^2=0.095$. Gender = participants gender (women, men); Relationship = relationship type (stable, single). As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). 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' gender. 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)),
          caption = "Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' 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 and contrasts between participants' gender

| | | | | | | | Cor | ntrasts | 8 | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|-----|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|---------|-----|-------|----------|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p |
| Women Men | -0.17 0.29 | 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 status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status. 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 and contrasts between relationship status",
          col.names = c("Relationship type",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                        "$2.5\\% CI$",
                         "$97.5\\% CI$",
                         "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 S7. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status

| | | | | | | | Cont | rasts | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|-------|-----|-------|----------------|
| Relationship type | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | \overline{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 status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status. 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)</pre>
emms.m1a3.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1a3))</pre>
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 and contrasts between gender by
          col.names = c("Gender",
                         #"Relationship",
                        "EMM",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                         "$2.5\\% CI$",
                         "$97.5\\% CI$",
                         "Contrast",
                         "Difference",
                         "$SE$",
                         "$df$",
                         "$t$",
                         "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Stable",
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 2,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Single",
            start_row = 3,
            end_row = 4,
```

Table S8. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|----------|-----|--------|---------|-------------|------------|------|-----|-------|----------|--|--|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p | | |
| Relationshi | p status: | : Stable | е | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Relationshi | p status: | : Single | 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.

3.1.2.4 Figure S4. Effects of gender and relationship type on solitary sexual desire This figure summarizes the results of hypothesis 1a.

```
# Gender main effect
h1a1 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                          color = Gender)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1a1.tab |>
                 rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1a1.tab |>
                  rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1a1,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 0.55,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
# Relationship main effect
h1a2 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Relationship, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                          color = Relationship)) +
 scale_color_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  geom linerange(data = emms.m1a2.tab |>
                  rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1a2.tab |>
                  rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
```

```
stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1a2,
                     label = "p.signif",
                    y.position = 0.45,
                    tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
 theme_tq()
h1a3 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Solitary sexual desire (normalized)`,
                           color = Gender)) +
 scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 facet_wrap(~Relationship) +
 geom_linerange(data = emms.m1a3.tab |>
                  rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1a3.tab |>
                 rename("Solitary sexual desire (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
 stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1a3,
                     label = "p.signif",
                    y.position = 0.7,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
# Full figure for hypothesis 1 (a, b and c)
pla <- ggarrange(hla1, hla2, hla3,
                 labels = "auto",
                 widths = c(1,1,1.5))
p1a
```

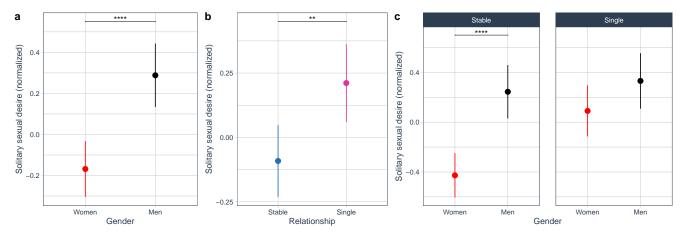


Figure S4. Effects of gender and relationship type on solitary sexual desire. Solitary sexual desire was transformed using ordered quantile normalization (Peterson & Cavanaugh, 2020). (a) Simple comparison between sexual desire by gender (for detailed results, see Table S6); (b) Simple comparison between 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). Dots and 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.

3.1.3 Hypothesis 1b: Dyadic TSD (Attractive person)

3.1.3.1 Model the effects of relationship type and gender on Dyadic TSD: Attractive person We fitted models with both the original (proportion; m1b_prop) and transformed (normalized; m1b_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.

3.1.3.1.1 Figure S5: Posterior predictive checks (PPCs) for Hypothesis 1b. PPCs were performed using the check_model function from the performance package (Lüdecke et al., 2021), and reported in Fig. S5. Simulated data from the normalized Solitary TSD model (Fig. S5b) are more similar to the observed outcome, so this model is preferred.

```
ppc_m1b <- ggarrange(plot(check_model(m1b_prop,</pre>
                                       panel = FALSE,
                                       check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                          colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme tq() +
                       facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c(
                          "1" = "Original (proportion) Dyadic TSD: Attractive person"))),
                     plot(check_model(m1b_norm,
                                       panel = FALSE,
                                       check = "pp_check")$PP_CHECK,
                          colors = c("red", "grey30")) +
                       labs(title = NULL, subtitle = NULL) +
                       theme_tq() +
                        facet_wrap(~ 1, labeller = as_labeller(c())
                          "1" = "Transformed (normalized) Dyadic TSD: Attractive person"))),
                     labels = "auto",
```



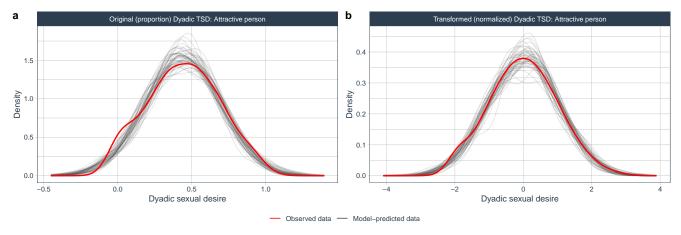


Figure S5. Posterior predictive check. (a) Original (proportion) Solitary TSD; (b) Transformed (normalized) Solitary TSD. In both panels, red lines represent the observed data, and thin black lines represent 50 iterations of simulated data from each model.

3.1.3.2 Table S9. ANOVA-type table for the interaction between Relationship type, and Gender This tables summarizes the results of the model.

Table S9. Effects of relationship type and gender on Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person

| Effect | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 |
|--------|--------|-------|----------|----------------|
| | 1, 319 | 29.85 | < 0.0001 | 0.09 |
| | 1, 319 | 8.20 | 0.004 | 0.03 |
| | 1, 319 | 1.73 | 0.19 | 0.00 |

Note:

Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile normalization (Peterson and Cavanaugh, 2020). Results are type III ANOVA. $R^2=0.122,\,R_{adjusted}^2=0.114.$ Gender = participants gender (women, men); Relationship = relationship type (stable, single). As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). Significant effects are in bold.

- **3.1.3.3** *Post-hoc* comparisons Because the main effects of gender and relationship type, but not their interaction, are significant, we explored these effects using estimated marginal means.
- **3.1.3.3.1 Table S10. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' gender.** 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.m1b1 <- emmeans(m1b_norm, ~ Gender)
emms.m1b1.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1b1))</pre>
```

```
t.m1b1 <- contr.stars(emms.m1b1) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
merge(emms.m1b1.tab, t.m1b1, 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 and contrasts between participants' 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 S10. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' gender

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|-----|-----|-------|----------|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p |
| Women Men | -0.22 0.35 | 0.07 0.08 | | -0.36 0.19 | -0.09 0.50 | Women - Men | -0.57 | 0.1 | 319 | -5.46 | < 0.0001 |

Note: Significant effects are in bold.

3.1.3.3.2 Table S11. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1b2 <- emmeans(m1b_norm, ~ Relationship)

emms.m1b2.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1b2))

t.m1b2 <- contr.stars(emms.m1b2) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))

merge(emms.m1b2.tab, t.m1b2, 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 and contrasts between relationship status",
        col.names = c("Relationship type",
                      "EMM",
                      "$SE$",
                      "$df$",
                      "$2.5\\% CI$",
                      "$97.5\\% CI$",
                      "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 S11. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | |
|-------------------|-------|------|-----|--------|---------|-----------------|------------|-----|-----|-------|--------|
| Relationship type | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p |
| Stable | -0.09 | 0.07 | 319 | -0.22 | 0.05 | Stable - Single | -0.3 | 0.1 | 319 | -2.86 | 0.0045 |
| Single | 0.21 | 0.08 | 319 | 0.06 | 0.36 | | | | | | |

Note: Significant effects are in bold.

3.1.3.3.3 Table S12. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
align = c("l", "l", rep("c", 5), "l", rep("c", 5)),
        linesep = "",
        caption = "Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by
        col.names = c("Gender",
                      #"Relationship",
                      "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,
          bold = FALSE,
          background = "lightgray") |>
pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Single",
          start_row = 3,
          end_row = 4,
          bold = FALSE,
          background = "lightgray") |>
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 S12. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | |
|-------------|----------------|--------|-----|--------|---------|-------------|------------|------|-----|-------|----------|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p |
| Relationshi | p status: | Stable | е | | | | | | | | |
| Women | -0.44 | 0.09 | 319 | -0.62 | -0.26 | Women - Men | -0.71 | 0.14 | 319 | -5.00 | < 0.0001 |
| Men | 0.27 | 0.11 | 319 | 0.05 | 0.48 | | | | | | |
| Relationshi | p status: | Single | е | | | | | | | | |
| Women | 0.00 | 0.10 | 319 | -0.21 | 0.20 | Women - Men | -0.43 | 0.15 | 319 | -2.82 | 0.0051 |
| Men | 0.43 | 0.11 | 319 | 0.21 | 0.65 | | | | | | |

3.1.3.4 Figure S6. Effects of gender and relationship type on Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person This figure summarizes the results of hypothesis 1b.

```
geom_linerange(data = emms.m1b1.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
               mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1b1.tab |>
                 rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position dodge(0.1),
            size = 3) +
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1b1,
                    label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 0.6,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
# Relationship main effect
h1b2 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Relationship, y = `Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)`,
                          color = Relationship)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1b2.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
               mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
 geom_point(data = emms.m1b2.tab |>
                 rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1b2,
                     label = "p.signif",
                    y.position = 0.45,
                    tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
h1b3 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)`,
                           color = Gender)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
 facet_wrap(~Relationship) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1b3.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
               mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1b3.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
             size = 3) +
  stat pvalue manual(t.m1b3,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = c(0.6, 0.7),
                     tip.length = 0) +
```

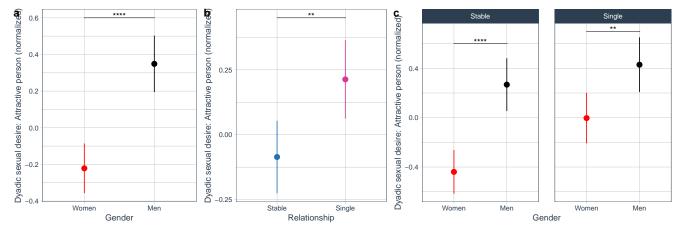


Figure S6. Effects of gender and relationship type on Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person. Dyadic sexual desire: Attractive person was transformed using ordered quantile normalization (Peterson & Cavanaugh, 2020). (a) Simple comparison between sexual desire by gender (for detailed results, see Table S10); (b) Simple comparison between relationship status levels (for detailed results, see Table S11); (c) Interaction between relationship type and relationship status (see Table S9; for detailed results, see Table S12). Dots and 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.

3.1.4 Hypothesis 1c: Dyadic TSD (Partner)

3.1.4.1 Model the effects of relationship type and gender on Dyadic TSD: Partner We fitted models with both the original (proportion; m1c_prop) and transformed (normalized; m1c_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.

3.1.4.1.1 Figure S7: Posterior predictive checks (PPCs) for Hypothesis 1c. PPCs were performed using the check_model function from the performance package (Lüdecke et al., 2021), and reported in Fig. S7. Simulated data from the normalized Solitary TSD model (Fig. S7b) are more similar to the observed outcome, so this model is preferred.

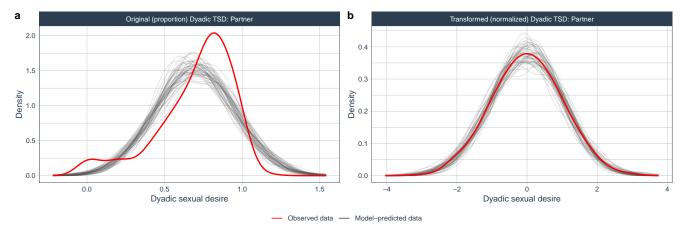


Figure S7. Posterior predictive check. (a) Original (proportion) Solitary TSD; (b) Transformed (normalized) Solitary TSD. In both panels, red lines represent the observed data, and thin black lines represent 50 iterations of simulated data from each model.

3.1.4.2 Table S13. ANOVA-type table for the interaction between Relationship type, and Gender This tables summarizes the results of the model.

Table S13. Effects of relationship type and gender on Dyadic sexual desire: Partner

| Effect | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 |
|---|---------------|------|-----------------|----------------|
| Gender Beletienship | , | | < 0.001 | 0.0365 |
| Relationship $Gender \times Relationship$ | 1,316 $1,316$ | 0.00 | < 0.0001 0.98 | 0.09 < 0.0001 |

Note: Sexual desire was transformed using an ordered quantile normalization (Peterson and Cavanaugh, 2020). Results are type III ANOVA. $R^2 = 0.125$, $R^2_{adjusted} = 0.117$. Gender = participants gender (women, men); Relationship = relationship type (stable, single). As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). Significant effects are in bold.

- **3.1.4.3** *Post-hoc* comparisons Because the main effects of gender and relationship type, but not their interaction, are significant, we explored these effects using estimated marginal means.
- **3.1.4.3.1** Table S14. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' gender. 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.m1c1 <- emmeans(m1c_norm, ~ Gender)</pre>
emms.m1c1.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1c1))</pre>
t.m1c1 <- contr.stars(emms.m1c1) |>
  mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
merge(emms.m1c1.tab, t.m1c1, 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 and contrasts between participants' 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 S14. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between participants' gender

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|----|---------------|---------------|-------------|------------|------|-----|-------|---------|--|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p | |
| Women Men | -0.21 0.20 | 0.07 0.08 | | -0.35 0.05 | -0.07 0.36 | Women - Men | -0.42 | 0.11 | 316 | -3.94 | < 0.001 | |

3.1.4.3.2 Table S15. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1c2 <- emmeans(m1c_norm, ~ Relationship)</pre>
emms.m1c2.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1c2))</pre>
t.m1c2 <- contr.stars(emms.m1c2) |>
 mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
merge(emms.m1c2.tab, t.m1c2, 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 and contrasts between relationship status",
          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 S15. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between relationship status

| | | | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|------|-----|--------|---------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-----|------|----------|--|--|
| Relationship type | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p | | |
| Stable | 0.29 | 0.07 | 316 | 0.15 | 0.43 | Stable - Single | 0.6 | 0.11 | 316 | 5.62 | < 0.0001 | | |
| Single | -0.30 | 0.08 | 316 | -0.46 | -0.15 | | | | | | | | |

3.1.4.3.3 Table S16. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status. Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
emms.m1c3 <- emmeans(m1c_norm, ~ Gender | Relationship)
emms.m1c3.tab <- tibble(data.frame(emms.m1c3))

t.m1c3 <- contr.stars(emms.m1c3) |>
    mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))

t.m1c3.f <- t.m1c3 |>
```

```
insertRows(2, new = NA) |>
  insertRows(4, new = NA)
merge(emms.m1c3.tab, t.m1c3.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 and contrasts between gender by
        col.names = c("Gender",
                      "$SE$",
                      "$df$",
                      "$2.5\\% CI$",
                      "$97.5\\% CI$",
                      "Difference",
                      "$df$",
                      "$t$",
                      "$p$"),
        escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Stable",
            start_row = 1,
            end_row = 2,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Relationship status: Single",
            start_row = 3,
            end_row = 4,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  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 S16. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between gender by relationship status

| | | | | | | Contrasts | | | | | |
|-------------|-----------|--------|-----|--------|---------|-------------|------------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| Gender | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | t | p |
| Relationshi | p status: | Stable | е | | | | | | | | |
| Women | 0.09 | 0.09 | 316 | -0.09 | 0.27 | Women - Men | -0.41 | 0.14 | 316 | -2.90 | 0.004 |
| Men | 0.50 | 0.11 | 316 | 0.28 | 0.72 | | | | | | |
| Relationshi | p status: | Single |) | | | | | | | | |
| Women | -0.51 | 0.11 | 316 | -0.72 | -0.30 | Women - Men | -0.42 | 0.16 | 316 | -2.68 | 0.0077 |
| Men | -0.09 | 0.11 | 316 | -0.32 | 0.13 | | | | | | |

3.1.4.4 Figure S8. Effects of gender and relationship type on Dyadic sexual desire: Partner This figure summarizes the results of hypothesis 1c.

```
h1c1 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)`,
                           color = Gender)) +
 scale_color_manual(values = color.Gender) +
  scale fill manual(values = color.Gender) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1c1.tab |>
                   rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
                 mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom point(data = emms.m1c1.tab |>
               rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1c1,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 0.4,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
# Relationship main effect
h1c2 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Relationship, y = `Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)`,
                          color = Relationship)) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = color.Relationship) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1c2.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1c2.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1c2,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = 0.5,
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
h1c3 <- ggplot(dat_m1, aes(x = Gender, y = `Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)`,
```

```
color = Gender)) +
  scale color manual(values = color.Gender) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = color.Gender) +
  facet_wrap(~Relationship) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.m1c3.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
                mapping = aes(ymin = lower.CL, ymax = upper.CL)) +
  geom_point(data = emms.m1c3.tab |>
                  rename("Dyadic sexual desire: Partner (normalized)" = emmean),
             position = position_dodge(0.1),
  stat_pvalue_manual(t.m1c3,
                     label = "p.signif",
                     y.position = c(0.8, 0.2),
                     tip.length = 0) +
  guides(color = "none") +
  theme_tq()
p1c <- ggarrange(h1c1, h1c2, h1c3,
                 labels = "auto",
                 widths = c(1,1,1.5))
p1c
```

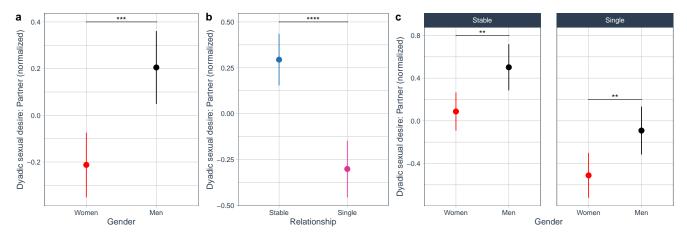


Figure S8. Effects of gender and relationship type on Dyadic sexual desire: Partner. Dyadic sexual desire: Partner was transformed using ordered quantile normalization (Peterson & Cavanaugh, 2020). (a) Simple comparison between sexual desire by gender (for detailed results, see Table S14); (b) Simple comparison between relationship status levels (for detailed results, see Table S15); (c) Interaction between relationship type and relationship status (see Table S13; for detailed results, see Table S16). Dots and 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.

3.2 Data filtering for hypotheses 2 and 3.

To avoid over-complicating the models, first we tested whether the effects of stimuli on sexual arousal were stronger depending on the content of the stimuli (erotic versus non-erotic). This was, in fact, the case.

3.2.1 Table S17. ANOVA-type table for the effects of stimuli content, gender and stimuli content on Subjective sexual arousal

We fitted a linear mixed model with Gender, Stimuli sex, Stimuli content, and their interactions, as fixed effects for Subjective sexual arousal and including, as random effects, random intercepts per stimulus, as well as random intercepts and slopes for the effect of stimuli content.

Table S17. Effects of relationship type and gender on Dyadic sexual desire: Partner

| Effect | df | F | p | ϵ_p^2 |
|--|-----------|--------|----------|----------------|
| Gender | 1, 321 | 42.47 | < 0.0001 | 0.11 |
| Stimuli sex | 1, 447 | 96.15 | < 0.0001 | 0.18 |
| Stimuli content | 1,363.12 | 86.50 | < 0.0001 | 0.19 |
| $Gender \times Stimuli sex$ | 1, 321 | 471.68 | < 0.0001 | 0.59 |
| $Gender \times Stimuli content$ | 1, 321 | 5.02 | 0.0257 | 0.01 |
| Stimuli sex \times Stimuli content | 1, 286.22 | 21.51 | < 0.0001 | 0.07 |
| Gender \times Stimuli sex \times Stimuli content | 1, 321 | 116.42 | < 0.0001 | 0.26 |

Note: Results are type III ANOVA. $R_{conditional}^2=0.734,\,R_{marginal}^2=0.314.$ Gender = participants gender (women, men); Stimuli sex = sex of each stimulus (male, female); Stimuli content = content of each stimulus (erotic, non-erotic). As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). Significant effects are in bold.

The effects of stimuli on sexual arousal were stronger for erotic compared to non-erotic stimuli; to illustrate this, we compared the (within-subject) difference in reported sexual arousal between stimuli sexes, for women and men. This difference was larger when viewing erotic than non-erotic stimuli in both women (erotic: 0.77, non-erotic: 0.57) but especially in men (erotic: 2.75, non-erotic: 1.60; see Table S18 and Fig. S9). Considering this, we tested all predictions of hypotheses 2 and 3 only on responses to erotic stimuli.

3.2.2 Table S18. Estimated marginal means and contrasts between subjective sexual arousal depending on stimuli sex, by stimuli content and participant gender.

Table of estimated marginal means and contrasts between between subjective sexual arousal depending on stimuli sex, by stimuli content and participant gender. All estimated marginal means and contrasts were calculated using the emmeans function from the emmeans package (Lenth, 2023).

```
mutate(p.value = pval.lev(p.value))
t.stim_cont.f <- t.stim_cont |>
 insertRows(2, new = NA) |>
  insertRows(4, new = NA) |>
 insertRows(6, new = NA) |>
 insertRows(8, new = NA)
merge(emms.stim_cont.tab, t.stim_cont.f, by = 0, all = TRUE) |>
  select(-c(1,3,4,12,13,19)) |>
 drop_na("Stimuli sex") |>
 unite(Contrast, group1, group2, sep = " - ") |>
 mutate_at("Contrast", str_replace_all, "NA - NA", " ") |>
 mutate(across(c(df.x, df.y), as.character)) |>
 mutate(across(c(df.x, df.y), str_replace_all, "Inf", "$\\\infty$")) |>
 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("Stimuli sex",
                        "$SE$",
                        "$df$",
                        "$2.5\\% CI$",
                        "$97.5\\% CI$",
                        "Contrast",
                        "Difference",
                        "$SE$",
                        "$df$",
                        "$z$",
                        "$p$"),
          escape = FALSE) |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Gender: Women - Stimuli content: Erotic",
            start row = 1,
            end row = 2,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
 pack_rows(group_label = "Gender: Women - Stimuli content: Non-erotic",
            start_row = 3,
            end_row = 4,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
 pack_rows(group_label = "Gender: Men - Stimuli content: Erotic",
            start_row = 5,
            end_row = 6,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  pack_rows(group_label = "Gender: Men - Stimuli content: Non-erotic",
            start_row = 7,
            end_row = 8,
            bold = FALSE,
            background = "lightgray") |>
  add_header_above(c(" " = 6, "Contrasts" = 6)) |>
  kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
```

Table S18. Estimated marginal means for the three dimensions of sexual desire by relationship status

| | | | | | | | Con | ntrasts | | | |
|-------------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|---------|---------------|------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|
| Stimuli sex | EMM | SE | df | 2.5%CI | 97.5%CI | Contrast | Difference | SE | df | z | p |
| Gender: Wo | men - St | imuli c | onter | nt: Erotic | | | | | | | |
| Female | 1.46 | 0.10 | ∞ | 1.25 | 1.66 | Female - Male | -0.77 | 0.11 | ∞ | -6.80 | < 0.0001 |
| Male | 2.23 | 0.08 | ∞ | 2.08 | 2.38 | | | | | | |
| Gender: Wo | men - St | imuli c | onter | nt: Non-ero | otic | | | | | | |
| Female | 1.12 | 0.09 | ∞ | 0.94 | 1.30 | Female - Male | -0.57 | 0.11 | ∞ | -5.27 | < 0.0001 |
| Male | 1.69 | 0.07 | ∞ | 1.56 | 1.82 | | | | | | |
| Gender: Me | n - Stimı | ıli cont | ent: | Erotic | | | | | | | |
| Female | 3.84 | 0.12 | ∞ | 3.61 | 4.07 | Female - Male | 2.75 | 0.13 | ∞ | 21.60 | < 0.0001 |
| Male | 1.09 | 0.09 | ∞ | 0.92 | 1.26 | | | | | | |
| Gender: Me | n - Stimı | ıli cont | ent: | Non-erotic | | | | | | | |
| Female | 2.65 | 0.10 | ∞ | 2.45 | 2.85 | Female - Male | 1.60 | 0.12 | ∞ | 13.44 | < 0.0001 |
| Male | 1.05 | 0.07 | ∞ | 0.91 | 1.19 | | | | | | |

Note: EMM = estimated marginal mean. Degrees of freedom (df) are asymptotic. Bonferroni adjustment was used.

3.2.3 Figure S9. Effects of stimuli content (erotic, non-erotic) on subjective sexual arousal

This figure summarizes the results of the model to determine whether the effects of stimuli on sexual arousal were stronger depending on the content of the stimuli (erotic versus non-erotic).

```
diff_data <- emms.stim_cont.tab |>
  select(`Stimuli sex`, Gender, `Stimuli content`, `Subjective sexual arousal`) |>
 pivot_wider(names_from = `Stimuli sex`, values_from = `Subjective sexual arousal`) |>
 mutate(
    ymin = Male, # Start of line at Male's mean arousal
   ymax = Female # End of line at Female's mean arousal
 mutate(
   x_pos = rep(c(as.numeric(as.factor(`Stimuli content`[1])) - 0.25,
                  as.numeric(as.factor(`Stimuli content`[2])) + 0.25), 2)
# Create the plot
ggplot(emms.stim_cont.tab, aes(x = `Stimuli sex`, y = `Subjective sexual arousal`,
                               color = `Stimuli content`)) +
 facet_wrap(~Gender) +
  scale_color_manual(values = color.Content) +
 scale_fill_manual(values = color.Content) +
  geom_linerange(data = emms.stim_cont.tab,
                mapping = aes(ymin = asymp.LCL, ymax = asymp.UCL),
```

```
position = position_dodge(0.5)) +
geom_point(data = emms.stim_cont.tab,
           position = position_dodge(0.5),
stat_pvalue_manual(t.stim_cont,
                   label = "p.signif",
                   y.position = c(2.7, 3, 4.2, 3), # Adjusted y positions for clarity
                   tip.length = 0,
                   color = "Stimuli content",
                   position = position_dodge(0.5)) +
# Add vertical dotted lines WITHOUT arrows
geom_segment(data = diff_data,
             aes(x = x_pos, xend = x_pos,
                 y = ymin, yend = ymax,
                 color = `Stimuli content`),
             linewidth = 0.5,
             linetype = "dotted") + # Dotted lines
# Add SOLID arrows separately, with NO line
geom_segment(data = diff_data,
             aes(x = x_pos, xend = x_pos,
                 y = ymin, yend = ymax,
             linetype = "solid",  # Make sure arrows are solid
             linewidth = 0,
             arrow = arrow(length = unit(0.3, "cm"), type = "closed", ends = "both")) +
geom_text(data = diff_data,
          aes(x = x_pos - 0.06, y = (ymin + ymax) / 2,
              label = abs(round(ymax - ymin, 2)),
              color = `Stimuli content`),
          angle = 90,
          hjust = 0.5,
          vjust = 0.5,
theme_tq()
```

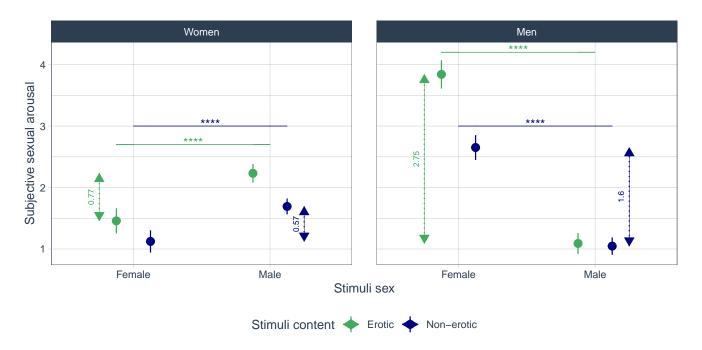


Figure S9. Effects of stimuli content (erotic, non-erotic) on subjective sexual arousal for women's (left panel) and men's (right panel) scores of male and female stimuli (see Table S17; for detailed results, see Table S18). Dots and bars represent estimated marginal means and 95% CI. Vertical lines with arrow heads represent the (absolute) difference in reported subjective sexual arousal for male and female stimuli, by stimuli content and gender. In all cases, significant effects are represented with lines and stars: *p < 0.05, **p < 0.01, ***p < 0.001, ****p < 0.0001.

3.3 Hypothesis 2: The association between trait sexual desire (TSD) and subjective sexual arousal (SSA) will vary by TSD dimension, with these associations being gender-specific in men and gender-non-specific in women.

We tested whether the slope of SSA as predictor of sexual desire varies for each of the three dimensions of TSD (H1a: Solitary TSD; H1b: Dyadic TSD toward an attractive person; H1c: Dyadic TSD toward a partner), depending on the gender of the participants and the sex of the stimuli. The prediction was specific for each TSD dimension:

- H2a: A significant association between solitary TSD and SSA toward erotic stimuli.
- H2b: A significant association between dyadic TSD toward an attractive person and SSA toward erotic stimuli.
- H2c: No significant association between dyadic TSD toward a partner and SSA toward erotic stimuli.

To examine this hypothesis, we modeled the effects of each of the three TSD dimension scores, gender, stimulus sex, and their interactions, on SSA. We included random intercepts for each stimulus, as well as random intercepts and slopes between stimuli sex for each participant.

SSA is, however, a discrete variable with only 7 ordered levels. Because of this, we modelled iech hipothesis in three different ways:

- 1. Cumulative Link Mixed Model (CLMM), using the clmm function from the package ordinal (Christensen, 2023)
- 2. Generalized Mixed Model (GLMM) with a Poisson family, using the glmer function from the package lme4 (Bates et al., 2015)
- 3. Linear mixed model (LMM), using the lmer function from the package lmerTest (Kuznetsova et al., 2017)

Because the predictions of the three types of model largely agree and are therefore robust (as shown below), we made inferences from the LMM, as it is the easiest to interpret and the one with the most useful functions available in R to extract information from.

3.3.1 Data

We created a new dataset by selecting only responses to erotic stimuli, renaming key variables to remove spaces for compatibility with certain functions, and converting relevant variables to factors. Specifically, the Gender and Stimuli sex variables are transformed into factors, and a factor version of Subjective sexual arousal is created for use in the CLMM model.

3.3.2 Hypothesis 2a: Solitary TSD

3.3.2.1 Robustness of models of the effects variation in the slope of Solitary TSD as predictor of SSA, by gender and sex of stimuli We fitted Cumulative Link Mixed Model (CLMM; m2a_clmm), a Generalized Mixed Model (GLMM; m2a_poisson) with a Poisson family, and as a linear mixed model (LMM; m2a_lmer).

```
m2a_clmm <- clmm(Subjective.sexual.arousal.factor ~</pre>
                    Solitary.sexual.desire * Gender * Stimuli.sex +
                    (1 | Stimuli.code) +
                    (1 + Stimuli.sex | Participant),
                 data = dat_m2,
                 control = list(method = "nlminb"))
m2a_poisson <- glmer(Subjective.sexual.arousal ~</pre>
                        Solitary.sexual.desire * Gender * Stimuli.sex +
                        (1 | Stimuli.code) +
                        (1 + Stimuli.sex | Participant),
                      data = dat_m2,
                      family = poisson)
m2a_lmer <- lmer(Subjective.sexual.arousal ~</pre>
                    Solitary.sexual.desire * Gender * Stimuli.sex +
                    (1 | Stimuli.code) +
                    (1 + Stimuli.sex | Participant),
                 data = dat_m2,
                  control = lmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa"))
```

3.3.2.1.1 Table S9. ANOVA-type table for the interaction between Relationship type, and Gender This tables summarizes the results of the model.

```
kable(booktabs = TRUE,
     align = c("l", rep("c", 9)), # Align columns (left for first, center for the rest)
     digits = 3,
     caption = "XXXXXXX",
      col.names = c("Effect", rep(c("$df$", "$\\chi^2$", "$p$"), times = 2),
                    "$df$", "$F$", "$p$"),
     escape = FALSE) |>
kable_styling(latex_options = c("HOLD_position", "scale_down")) |>
add_header_above(c(" " = 1,
                   "CLMM" = 3,
                   "GLMER (Poisson)" = 3,
                   "LMM" = 3)) |>
footnote(general = "As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared
                   ($\\\epsilon^2_p$), which provides a less biases
                   estimate than $\\\eta^2$ (see
                   \\\cite{albersWhenPowerAnalyses2018}).
         threeparttable = TRUE,
         footnote_as_chunk = TRUE,
         escape = FALSE)
```

Table S19. XXXXXXX

| | CLMM | | | | GLMER (| $_{ m LMM}$ | | | |
|--|-----------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|----------|-------------|-----------------|--------|----------|
| Effect | \overline{df} | χ^2 | p | \overline{df} | χ^2 | p | \overline{df} | F | p |
| Solitary.sexual.desire | 1 | 27.377 | < 0.0001 | 1 | 24.430 | < 0.0001 | 1, 319 | 17.464 | < 0.0001 |
| Gender | 1 | 0.015 | 0.9 | 1 | 7.086 | 0.0078 | 1, 319 | 8.838 | 0.0032 |
| Stimuli.sex | 1 | 43.812 | < 0.0001 | 1 | 31.553 | < 0.0001 | 1, 369.21 | 24.715 | < 0.0001 |
| Solitary.sexual.desire:Gender | 1 | 2.409 | 0.12 | 1 | 2.795 | 0.09 | 1, 319 | 0.852 | 0.36 |
| Solitary.sexual.desire:Stimuli.sex | 1 | 0.137 | 0.71 | 1 | 0.321 | 0.57 | 1, 319 | 0.024 | 0.88 |
| Gender:Stimuli.sex | 1 | 181.478 | < 0.0001 | 1 | 127.568 | < 0.0001 | 1, 319 | 74.790 | < 0.0001 |
| Solitary. sexual. desire: Gender: Stimuli. sex | 1 | 2.959 | 0.09 | 1 | 0.605 | 0.44 | 1, 319 | 1.778 | 0.18 |

Note: As effect size, we report partial epsilon squared (ϵ_p^2) , which provides a less biases estimate than η^2 (see Albers and Lakens, 2018). Significant effects are in bold.

3.3.2.1.2 Figure S10: Posterior predictive checks (PPCs) for Hypothesis 2a. PPCs were performed using the check_model function from the performance package (Lüdecke et al., 2021), and reported in Fig. S10.

```
p_m2a_clmm <- emmeans(m2a_clmm, ~ Solitary.sexual.desire | Gender * Stimuli.sex,
                      at = list(Solitary.sexual.desire = seq(0, 31, length.out = 100)),
                      mode = "mean.class") |>
  as.data.frame() |>
  ggplot(aes(x = Solitary.sexual.desire, y = mean.class ,
             color = Stimuli.sex, fill = Stimuli.sex)) +
  geom_line(size = 1) + # Smooth prediction line
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = asymp.LCL, ymax = asymp.UCL, fill = Stimuli.sex),
              alpha = 0.2, color = NA) + # CIs with no border
 scale_color_manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  scale fill manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  facet_wrap(~ Gender, ncol = 1) + # Facet by Gender
  labs(y = "Predicted Subjective sexual arousal", x = "Solitary Sexual Desire",
       title = "CLMM",
       color = "Stimuli sex", fill = "Stimuli sex") +
  theme_tq() +
  theme(legend.position = "top") +
```

```
ylim(c(0.3,5.3))
p_m2a_poisson <- emmeans(m2a_poisson, ~ Solitary.sexual.desire | Gender * Stimuli.sex,
                         at = list(Solitary.sexual.desire = seq(0, 31, length.out = 100)),
                         type = "response") |>
  as.data.frame() |>
  ggplot(aes(x = Solitary.sexual.desire, y = rate,
             color = Stimuli.sex, fill = Stimuli.sex)) +
  geom_line(size = 1) + # Smooth prediction line
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = asymp.LCL, ymax = asymp.UCL, fill = Stimuli.sex),
              alpha = 0.2, color = NA) + # CIs with no border
  scale color manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  facet_wrap(~ Gender, ncol = 1) + # Facet by Gender
  labs(y = "", x = "Solitary Sexual Desire",
       color = "Stimuli sex", fill = "Stimuli sex") +
  theme tq() +
  theme(legend.position = "top") +
  ylim(c(0.3,5.3))
p_m2a_lmer <- emmeans(m2a_lmer, ~ Solitary.sexual.desire | Gender * Stimuli.sex,
                       at = list(Solitary.sexual.desire = seq(0, 31, length.out = 100)),
                       type = "response") |>
  as.data.frame() |>
  ggplot(aes(x = Solitary.sexual.desire, y = emmean,
             color = Stimuli.sex, fill = Stimuli.sex)) +
  geom_line(size = 1) + # Smooth prediction line
  geom_ribbon(aes(ymin = asymp.LCL, ymax = asymp.UCL, fill = Stimuli.sex),
              alpha = 0.2, color = NA) + # CIs with no border
  scale_color_manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = color.StimuliSex) +
  facet_wrap(~ Gender, ncol = 1) + # Facet by Gender
  labs(y = "", x = "Solitary Sexual Desire",
       title = "LMM",
       color = "Stimuli sex", fill = "Stimuli sex") +
  theme_tq() +
  theme(legend.position = "top") +
  ylim(c(0.3,5.3))
p_m2a <- ggarrange(p_m2a_clmm, p_m2a_poisson, p_m2a_lmer,</pre>
                   common.legend = TRUE,
                   labels = "auto",
                   legend = "bottom",
                   nrow = 1)
p_m2a
```

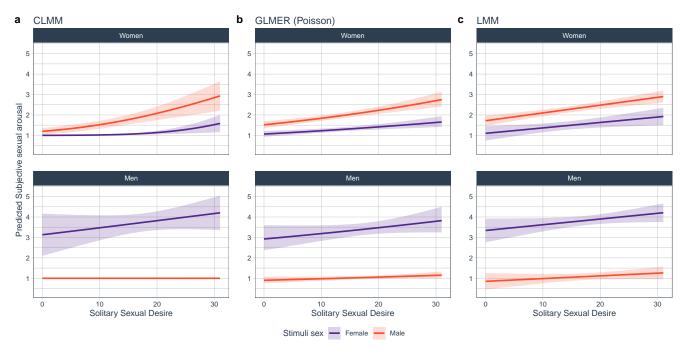


Figure S10. Predictions for the trhree fitted models to test hypothesis 2a. (a) Cumulative Link Mixed Model (CLMM); (b) Generalized Mixed Model (GLMM) with a Poisson family; (c) Linear mixed model (LMM).

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), lubridate(v.1.9.4), forcats(v.1.0.0), stringr(v.1.5.1), dplyr(v.1.1.4), purr(v.1.0.4), readr(v.2.1.5), tidyr(v.1.3.1), tibble(v.3.2.1), tidyverse(v.2.0.0), ggpubr(v.0.6.0), ggplot2(v.3.5.1), effectsize(v.1.0.0), rstatix(v.0.7.2), bestNormalize(v.1.9.1), berryFunctions(v.1.22.5), emmeans(v.1.10.7), 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), 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), lmerTest(v.3.1-3), ordinal(v.2023.12-4.1), lme4(v.1.1-36), Matrix(v.1.7-2), readxl(v.1.4.3) and knitr(v.1.49)

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