

## CORRECTION

The presentation **Bridging the Gaps between Oriental and Occidental Sexual Health** by Stephanie Zakhour was presented orally and not via poster as indicated on p325 of the WAS 2023 Abstract Book.

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**1032 - BRIDGING THE GAPS BETWEEN ORIENTAL AND OCCIDENTAL SEXUAL HEALTH**

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**Introduction:** To avoid the risk of not measuring what should be measured, assessment, management, and treatment studies of sexual dysfunctions should be culturally adapted. Only this way it is possible to have evidence-based practices and studies. We aimed to evaluate the sociocultural similarities and differences between Lebanese and Brazilian women's sexually dysfunctional beliefs in order to shed light on the importance of creating culturally adapted studies and their impact on the results when it comes to female sexual dysfunction.

**Methods:** We conducted a cross-cultural study with a group of Lebanese and Brazilian women who filled out translated, validated, and culturally adapted scales: The Sexual Dysfunctional Belief Questionnaire (SDBQ) and the Female Sexual Function Index (FSFI).

**Findings and discussion:** Although Lebanese women are seen as oppressive and Brazilian women as liberal when it comes to sexuality, our findings suggest some similarities when it comes to sexual beliefs. This impacts the results of female sexual dysfunction prevalence, indicating a similar number between Eastern and Western data. Differences in sociocultural determinants found mainly were based on language, help seeking, professional training, and the situation of the country. These differences showed a direct impact on the results that indicated the prevalence of female sexual dysfunction between both populations. Sexual dysfunction cannot be defined as one without taking into consideration these cultural determinants and without using a culturally sensitive methodology.

**Recommendations:** Bridging the gaps between Oriental and Occidental sexual health can lead to a more reliable, evidence-based, culturally adapted science. Western societies' instruments and treatment programs cannot be generalized and applied to Oriental societies. However, we encourage professionals and academics to develop and conduct more studies on the matter with Lebanese (and Arabs and Middle Eastern) women, since some similarities are found between both populations and make them more accessible.