



Structural Relationships of Attachment Styles with Social Anxiety in Adolescents Dependent on Internet Games: The Mediating Role of Loneliness

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

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Reviewer:

The abstract states, "The results showed that a secure attachment style directly and indirectly leads to reduced social anxiety through decreased loneliness." Consider clarifying the distinction between direct and indirect effects to enhance understanding.

Ensure the explanation of using skewness and kurtosis for normality assessment includes why these specific ranges were chosen (-2 to 2).

In Table 1, it is indicated that "Several samples showed non-normal distributions." Consider providing a summary table or visual representation of the normalization process to illustrate the changes made.

The correlation matrix shows significant results but lacks a discussion on the strength and implications of these correlations. Including this would provide a deeper understanding of the relationships between variables.

In Table 3, the Goodness of Fit Indices are provided. Explain why specific indices (e.g., RMSEA, CFI) were chosen and their thresholds for acceptability.

The statement "some modifications were necessary for the model to fit adequately" should include details of what specific modifications were made and their rationale.

The regression weights show significant effects. Discuss the practical significance of these findings and their implications for the theoretical model.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the updated document.

1.2 Reviewer 2

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Reviewer:

The sentence "A random sample of 200 adolescents dependent on internet games was selected" should provide more details about the sampling method used to ensure it was genuinely random and representative.

Clarify how the history of psychiatric disorders and physical illnesses were determined and verified for inclusion and exclusion criteria.

The validity and reliability of the Attachment Styles Questionnaire by Simpson (1990) are mentioned. Provide more recent references or justification for continuing to use this tool.

The explanation of social skills deficiencies in adolescents is critical. Consider integrating relevant literature that supports or contrasts with these findings for a more comprehensive discussion.

The mediating role of loneliness is justified; however, including a discussion on potential alternative mediators and their exclusion would strengthen the argument.

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2. Revised

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