



Explaining the Model of Marital Commitment Based on Object Relations with the Mediating Role of Ego Strength

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

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Reviewer:

The repetition of the phrase "marital commitment" in the first few lines can be redundant. Try combining sentences to improve readability and avoid repetition, such as "Marital commitment, a crucial factor for successful marriages, impacts individual, family, and societal well-being."

The Dimensions of Commitment Inventory (DCI) description would benefit from including information about its development process and validation studies, enhancing the readers' confidence in its use.

The sentence, "Data were analyzed descriptively and inferentially using SPSS-28 and AMOS-24 software," could be expanded to describe the specific statistical tests used, such as "descriptive statistics, Pearson correlation, path analysis, and the Sobel test."

The descriptive statistics table presents mean, standard deviation, skewness, and kurtosis, but lacks interpretation. Adding a brief explanation of these statistics' implications would help readers understand the data distribution better.

The correlation matrix indicates significant relationships but does not provide context for these findings. A brief discussion on the implications of these correlations would clarify their importance.

The model fit indices are reported, but the text should include a brief interpretation of these indices. For instance, explaining why a GFI > 0.90 is considered good and how the reported values indicate an acceptable model fit.

The sentence, "Ego strength the process of enhancing an individual's sense of self-worth and personal power," lacks clarity. It would be clearer to say, "Ego strength, defined as the individual's sense of self-worth and personal power, significantly impacts the relationship between object relations and marital commitment."

The explanation of how ego strength mediates the relationship between object relations and marital commitment could be supported by specific examples from the study's findings to illustrate this process more concretely.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the updated document.

1.2 Reviewer 2

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Reviewer:

The sentence, "Marriage is the greatest and most significant event in an individual's life," is a broad statement that could be subjective. Consider rephrasing it to provide a more nuanced view, acknowledging that while marriage is significant for many, its impact can vary among individuals.

The discussion of communication patterns could benefit from citing more recent studies to provide a comprehensive view of current research. For example, updating the references beyond Christensen and Shenk (1991) would enhance the literature review's relevance.

The inclusion criteria mention "No addiction to narcotics and stimulants." It would be more precise to define what constitutes addiction (e.g., specific duration, medical diagnosis) to avoid ambiguity.

The description of the Ego Strength Inventory should include more details about its validity and reliability. For instance, discussing the psychometric properties and providing examples of specific items would give readers a clearer understanding of the instrument.

The conclusion mentions the study's limitations, but it could be more detailed. For example, discussing how geographic limitations or sample size might affect the generalizability of the results would provide a more thorough understanding.

The recommendation for future research could be expanded to suggest specific methodologies or populations that should be included in future studies to address the identified limitations.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.