

Comparing the Effectiveness of Solution-Focused Narrative Therapy and Solution-Focused Therapy on Resilience and Marital Intimacy of Couples in Conflict (Counseling Centers of Shirvan County)

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

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Reviewer:

The paragraph transitioning from the importance of intimacy to resilience feels abrupt. Consider a linking sentence to connect these concepts more cohesively.

The reference to Neal (2006) defining resilience might need updating or supplementing with recent studies to reflect advancements in the field.

"Scoring below the average on resilience, quality of life, and marital intimacy questionnaires" lacks specificity. Specify the scales and cut-off points used to define "below average."

The discussion could benefit from considering alternative explanations for the observed differences between SFNT and SFT, such as therapist bias or participant expectations.

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The conclusion states, "Practitioners working with couples experiencing marital conflict may consider..." without discussing contextual limitations (e.g., cultural specificity).

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the updated document.

1.2 Reviewer 2

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Reviewer:

In the sentence, "Marital conflict can manifest in different forms, such as depression, psychological distress..." consider adding citations for each claim to strengthen the argument.

The use of convenience sampling was briefly mentioned. A justification for why this method was chosen would be helpful, especially given potential biases it introduces.

The slight decrease in scores during follow-up is not discussed. This could be crucial for understanding the sustainability of the interventions.

In discussing the effectiveness of SFNT, the sentence, "This finding is supported by previous studies..." could integrate global or cross-cultural studies to strengthen the generalizability of the results.

While limitations are listed, the statement, "the sample size was relatively small..." could elaborate on how this impacts statistical power or external validity.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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