




Identifying Factors and Contexts Leading Couples to Mutual Divorce

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Provide a more detailed explanation of the descriptive phenomenology approach, including the rationale behind the choice of methodology and its alignment with the study objectives.

Offer a broader description of participant demographics to understand the diversity and representativeness of the sample.

While content analysis is utilized, a more in-depth examination of how themes were derived from the data could offer insights into the process and reliability of findings.

Integrate a stronger theoretical framework to contextualize the identified factors and contexts within existing literature, enhancing the study's contribution to understanding mutual divorce.

Given the sensitive nature of the topic, detailing the ethical measures taken to ensure participant confidentiality and consent is crucial.

More comprehensively discuss the study's limitations, particularly concerning generalizability and potential biases. Clearly outline avenues for future research, including studies in diverse cultural and societal contexts.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Articulate the study's objectives with greater specificity, explaining the expected contribution to marital studies and potential implications for counseling practices.

Expand the literature review to situate the study within the broader discourse on divorce, highlighting gaps the research aims to fill.

Elaborate on the data collection process, especially the interview protocol, and how theoretical saturation was achieved, to underscore the study's methodological soundness.

Enhance the presentation of the analytical framework, detailing the steps from initial coding to theme development, to demonstrate the rigor of the qualitative analysis.

Deepen the discussion section by comparing the study's findings with existing research, offering theoretical and practical implications for understanding mutual divorce.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.