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Predicting Marital Intimacy Based on Attachment Styles, Early Maladaptive Schemas, and Love Styles in Married Female Students

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction could benefit from a more precise articulation of how this study builds upon previous research, specifically how it integrates attachment styles, early maladaptive schemas, and love styles uniquely. Suggest adding a comparison table that outlines the gaps in previous studies that this research aims to fill.

In the methodology section, detail the reasoning behind the choice of descriptive correlational design more explicitly. Discuss how this design is particularly suited to the research objectives compared to other potential designs.

The choice of convenience sampling and its potential biases should be addressed more critically. Discuss how this sampling method might limit the generalizability of the findings and suggest strategies for mitigating this limitation in future studies.

Expand the discussion on the validity and reliability of the instruments used, particularly the Marital Intimacy Questionnaire. Include comparative analyses with other potential instruments which were considered but not used, to strengthen the rationale for the chosen tools.

The article would benefit from a more detailed explanation of the regression analysis techniques used. Include a rationale for choosing multiple regression and discuss any alternative statistical methods that could have been applied.

Enhance the discussion section by integrating more recent studies to compare and contrast the findings of this research. This could help in situating the study within the current research landscape more effectively.

Provide a more detailed exploration of the limitations related to the impact of cultural factors on the findings. Suggest specific cultural variables that future research could examine to understand their impact on marital intimacy.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The article should more deeply integrate attachment theory and schema theory to frame the research questions. This could include a more detailed theoretical discussion on how these frameworks interrelate and influence marital intimacy.

Address the relatively low R^2 value in the regression analysis. Discuss potential reasons for this outcome and suggest ways to enhance explanatory power in future studies, such as using a larger sample size or additional predictive variables.

Clarify and standardize the operational definitions of key constructs like "marital intimacy" and "sacrificial love style." Ensure these definitions are consistent with those used in cited literature to maintain conceptual integrity.

Expand on the ethical considerations mentioned, particularly in relation to the sensitivity of the subject matter dealing with marital intimacy and personal relationships. Discuss any additional ethical safeguards that were in place during the study.

Provide a deeper analysis of why certain love styles and schemas predict marital intimacy negatively. Include psychological theories or previous empirical studies that could substantiate these interpretations.

Specify more clearly the directions for future research, particularly focusing on longitudinal studies that could examine the changes in marital intimacy over time and their predictors.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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