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Comparing the Effectiveness of Schema Therapy and Emotion-Focused Therapy on Attitudes Towards Infidelity Among Individuals Experiencing Marital Conflict

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The method of sampling (convenience sampling) is mentioned, but there is no discussion on its potential biases and limitations in the context of generalizing the findings. It is recommended to include a section discussing these potential biases and limitations.

There is a lack of detail on whether the control group received any form of placebo therapy or psychological support. It would enhance the study's validity to clarify this and consider a placebo control if not already used.

The paper could benefit from more detailed descriptions of the statistical tests used, specifically the assumptions checked for the repeated measures ANOVA and whether data met these assumptions (sphericity, normality).

While the reliability of the 'Attitudes Towards Infidelity' questionnaire is noted, there is no mention of its validity in the specific cultural context of the study. Adding validation information or conducting a pilot study for the instrument's context-specific validation would solidify the results.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The discussion section conflates correlation with causation in several instances. It is advisable to clarify what can be inferred directly from the results versus what might be hypothesized based on the data.

The ethical considerations section mentions adherence to the Helsinki Declaration but does not detail specific ethical measures taken during the study, such as handling of sensitive data or participant distress. Expanding this section would enhance the paper's credibility.

The conclusion section could be expanded to include specific practical implications for marital therapists or counselors. Providing concrete examples of how the findings can be applied in practice would be beneficial.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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