


## Structural Model Presentation of Psychological Maladjustment Based on Post-Traumatic Stress Symptoms with the Mediating Role of Ego Strength in Individuals with Chronic Pain

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Consider revising the title to directly reflect the key focus and findings of the study. The current title is lengthy and could be streamlined for better impact.

The abstract should succinctly summarize the purpose, methods, results, and conclusion. Ensure that each part is clearly distinguished and briefly discuss the significance of the findings.

Expand on the literature review in the introduction to establish a broader context for the research. This could include recent studies on the mediation effects of ego strength in psychological conditions.

Clearly state the research question early in the introduction to anchor the reader's understanding of the study's purpose.

Provide more details about the descriptive correlational design and justify why this approach is suitable for the study.

Clarify the choice of convenience sampling and discuss any potential biases this might introduce into the results.

Enhance the description of the scales and questionnaires used. Consider adding information about their development and any adaptations made for the current study.

Check the consistency of terms, definitions, and abbreviations throughout the paper to ensure clarity and professionalism.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Detail the data collection process more thoroughly. How were participants approached? How was confidentiality maintained?

The explanation of structural equation modeling could be improved by specifying the model constraints and fit indices used.

Improve the presentation of the statistical data by including more visual aids, such as charts or graphs, to help illustrate the findings.

Integrate more comparison with existing literature in the discussion to highlight how this study contributes new insights or confirms previous findings.

Discuss the implications of the findings for theoretical frameworks on psychological maladjustment and PTSD.

Elaborate on how the findings can be applied in clinical settings or in the development of treatment protocols.

Address the limitations more critically, especially the impact of the sampling method and the generalizability of the results.

Suggest specific areas for future research that arise from the study's findings and limitations.

Strengthen this section by discussing any ethical dilemmas encountered during the research and how they were resolved.

Ensure the conclusion succinctly encapsulates the study's findings and their importance without introducing new information.

Update and check all references for accuracy and adherence to the journal's citation style.

Conduct a thorough proofreading to correct any grammatical or typographical errors to enhance the paper's professionalism.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.