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Structural Relationship of Metacognitive Beliefs, Stress, Attachment Styles with Anorexia Nervosa Mediated by Self-Image

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction could benefit from a clearer exposition of how metacognitive beliefs, stress, and attachment styles specifically contribute to anorexia nervosa. A more detailed theoretical framework linking these constructs would enhance the reader's understanding.

Expand the review to include recent studies from the last two to three years, ensuring that the literature encompasses a broader range of findings related to the psychosocial factors of anorexia nervosa.

Address the limitation regarding the use of convenience sampling and its impact on the generalizability of the findings. Consider discussing how the results might differ if a more representative sample were used.

Provide more details on the questionnaire distribution and collection process, including response rates and potential biases introduced by the online collection method.

The manuscript would benefit from a more detailed explanation of the Partial Least Squares method, including assumptions, model fit indices, and their interpretation.



Enhance the clarity of the results section by including more detailed explanations of the tables and figures. A discussion on the implications of non-significant pathways in your model would also be informative.

The discussion could be improved by directly linking the study findings to the hypotheses stated earlier in the paper. This linkage would help in maintaining a cohesive narrative.

Elaborate on the theoretical implications of your findings, particularly how they advance our understanding of the links between metacognitive beliefs and anorexia nervosa.

Discuss more thoroughly the practical applications of your findings in clinical settings, specifically in the development of therapeutic interventions for anorexia nervosa.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Clarify the role of 'mediation' in your study's abstract to reflect what is mediated and how, aligning it with the main text. Include more specific keywords that reflect the core aspects of your research, which may help in better indexing the paper. Ensure consistency in formatting, especially in the use of italics for scales and instruments throughout the document. Standardize the reference style according to the journal's guidelines, ensuring all citations are accurate and complete. Correct minor grammatical errors and typos found throughout the text to enhance the paper's professionalism.

Improve the clarity and presentation of figures and tables, ensuring all are referenced in the text and have clear, legible captions.

Include a statement on data availability, potentially linking to a repository where the data can be accessed if applicable.

Specify contributions of individuals or entities in the acknowledgments section, ensuring all contributions are appropriately recognized.

Strengthen the conclusion section by summarizing the key findings and their implications without introducing new information.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted. Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.

