The Mediating Role of Early Maladaptive Schemas in Explaining the Causal Relationships Between Childhood Maltreatment, Attachment Styles, and Forgiveness in Betrayal Victims

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Ensure consistent use of terminology throughout the manuscript (e.g., "early maladaptive schemas" vs. "maladaptive schemas").

Review the manuscript for grammatical and syntactical errors. For instance, ensure that sentences are concise and that technical terms are used appropriately.

Verify that all references are up-to-date and relevant. Ensure that all in-text citations match the reference list accurately and that the reference list follows the journal's formatting guidelines.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sample size is adequately large. However, provide a more detailed rationale for the chosen sample size, referencing specific guidelines for structural equation modeling.

Elaborate on the potential biases introduced by convenience sampling and discuss how these might impact the generalizability of the findings.

Clearly explain the criteria used to determine participant eligibility and the rationale behind these criteria, especially regarding the perception of betrayal.

Include more detailed information on the psychometric properties (e.g., validity, reliability) of each questionnaire used. Discuss whether these instruments have been validated in similar populations.

Describe the online data collection process in more detail, including any steps taken to ensure data integrity and confidentiality.

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