

Effectiveness of Imago Therapy-Based Couples Therapy on the Improvement of Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution, and Sensitivity to Rejection among Couples

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The abstract effectively summarizes the study but would benefit from including specific statistical results such as p-values and effect sizes to highlight the study's significance.

The introduction provides a good overview of the issues faced by couples. However, it could be improved by adding more recent references on the efficacy of Imago therapy in different cultural contexts.

While the sample size of 20 couples is adequate, providing a power analysis to justify the sample size would strengthen the rationale for the study's design.

Provide more detailed demographic information about the participants, such as duration of marriage and socioeconomic status, to give readers a better understanding of the sample characteristics.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Explain the process used to randomly assign couples to the experimental and control groups in more detail to ensure transparency and reproducibility.

The criteria are well-defined, but further explanation is needed on why couples with a middle school diploma were included and the impact of this educational cutoff on the study's outcomes.

Include more detailed psychometric properties of the Quinndom Communication Skills questionnaire, the Sanayi Zaker et al.'s Standard Sensitivity to Rejection, and the Downey and Feldman Marital Conflict questionnaire, including their validation in similar populations.

The description of the Imago therapy sessions is comprehensive. However, a table summarizing the key activities and objectives of each session would enhance clarity and readability.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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