



Predicting Attitudes Toward Marital Infidelity in Couples Based on Attachment Styles and Personality Traits with the Mediation of Coping Strategies (Gender Comparison)

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the Introduction, it is stated, "Marital commitment a prevalent human phenomenon occasionally grapples with the issue of 'marital infidelity or extramarital relationships' (Rienecke 2018)." Please clarify the sentence structure for better readability. Consider rephrasing to "Marital commitment, a prevalent human phenomenon, occasionally grapples with the issue of 'marital infidelity or extramarital relationships' (Rienecke 2018)."

In the Methods section, you mention, "The statistical population comprises all married women and men aged 25 to 45 in Tehran." It would be beneficial to include the rationale for selecting this specific age range. Please provide justification based on previous studies or demographic data.

In the Measures section, the description of the coping strategies measured by the Lazarus-Folkman Coping Strategies Questionnaire (1988) could be expanded. Please provide more details about the subscales and their relevance to the study.

The Results section mentions, "The results showed no relationship between insecure attachment and the tendency toward marital infidelity in women." This finding contradicts some previous studies. Please discuss possible reasons for this discrepancy and consider including a comparison with those studies.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

The introduction of personality traits using the Five-Factor Model (Costa and McCrae, 1999) is concise but could benefit from a brief explanation of each of the five traits (neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness, and conscientiousness) for readers unfamiliar with the model.

In the Introduction, you explain Bowlby's attachment theory but only briefly touch on the adult attachment styles. Please expand this section to include more details about how these styles manifest in adult relationships.

The Methods section could benefit from a more detailed explanation of the structural equation modeling (SEM) technique used. Please include information on how SEM was applied in this study and its appropriateness for the research questions.

In the Results, you mention, "Secure attachment negatively impacts the avoidant-escape strategy in the female group but positively impacts it in the male group." This is a significant finding. Please discuss potential reasons for these gender differences in coping strategies.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. **Revised**

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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