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A Sociological Study of the Phenomenon of Emotional Divorce in Tehran

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction references general global trends in marriage but lacks detailed context specific to Tehran. Consider adding a paragraph that highlights the unique sociocultural factors in Tehran that contribute to emotional divorce.

In the "Methods" section, the criteria for selecting participants are well outlined, but the reasoning for the age range (25-40) could be strengthened. Why was this specific range chosen, and how does it relate to the phenomenon under study?

The description of the data analysis process using open and axial coding is informative. However, including a brief example of how a piece of data was coded would make this clearer for readers unfamiliar with qualitative methods.

In the "Findings and Results" section, the categories listed in Table 1 are comprehensive, but the explanation in the text lacks specificity. Consider elaborating on a few categories with illustrative quotes from participants.

The conclusion mentions "educational programs aimed at improving emotional relationships." Could you specify what these programs might entail or examples of successful interventions from other regions?

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the introduction, you mention "emotional divorce" as a critical concept. Could you expand the discussion to include how the concept has evolved over time and any significant sociological theories underpinning it?

The statement, "However, no research has been conducted that examines the phenomenon of emotional divorce from a sociological perspective," might be too strong. Consider softening it or explicitly acknowledging similar studies that are related but differ in methodology or scope.

In the "Measures" section, you state, "Interviews continued until no new information was obtained." Consider providing a more specific explanation of how saturation was determined and any strategies used to ensure it.

The "Methods" section states, "The strategy is grounded theory." It would be helpful to explain why grounded theory was particularly suited for this study and how it shaped the research design and data analysis.

The finding that "attitudes and values, social and cultural pressure, and social changes play significant roles" is quite broad. Can you provide a more nuanced discussion of how these factors specifically manifest in Tehran's societal context?

The "Intervening factors" section mentions peer pressure and family opinions. Consider elaborating on how these pressures are uniquely experienced in Tehran compared to other cultural settings.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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