

Qualitative Study of the Factors Influencing Remarriage Attitudes in Widowed Women in Isfahan


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The opening sentence provides a poetic view of marriage but could benefit from a more analytical framing to establish the academic tone of the article. Consider rephrasing for clarity and directness, e.g., defining marriage and family formation in societal or psychological terms before transitioning to the challenges of widowhood.

The introduction effectively highlights the importance of studying widowed women's remarriage attitudes but could better articulate how the study differs from or builds upon existing research.

The semi-structured interview guide lacks a description of how questions were developed or validated. Clarify if pre-testing or expert review was conducted.

While the thematic analysis is well-structured, the rationale for merging certain codes into broader themes could be more transparent. For example, why were “cultural stereotypes” grouped with “social deprivation”?

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The paragraph notes widowhood as one of the most stressful events but does not elaborate on specific psychological mechanisms. Consider referencing established stress models (e.g., Lazarus and Folkman's transactional model of stress) to provide theoretical grounding.

The statement, "In Iranian society... being alone is seen as a sign of incompleteness," requires further substantiation. Including specific cultural studies or data would make the argument more robust.

While the focus is on widowed women, a brief acknowledgment of how widowhood impacts men (to contrast societal responses) would add depth.

While participant quotes are insightful, some themes lack sufficient illustrative quotes (e.g., "fear and need duality" in emotional issues). Including more examples would better support thematic conclusions.

The discussion references Cherlin's theory but does not elaborate on how this aligns with or diverges from findings in Iranian society. Provide specific points of agreement or conflict.

The section on practical solutions could be enhanced with concrete examples or case studies demonstrating successful interventions in similar contexts.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.