




Investigating the Effect of Narcissistic Tendencies on Marital Relationship Stability and the Mediating Role of Emotional Maturity in Couples


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Consider citing recent meta-analyses or longitudinal studies to substantiate this claim further, as it underpins the rationale for examining narcissism in marital contexts.

Please report the number of bootstrap samples used (e.g., 5000), as it affects the robustness of the indirect effect estimates.

Consider including minimum and maximum values for each variable to help readers better understand score distributions and variability.

A deeper discussion of how religious expectations (e.g., divorce stigma, familial roles) may interact with narcissism and maturity would enhance the cultural contextualization.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

This is an important assertion. It would be helpful to briefly elaborate on mechanisms by which emotional maturity buffers personality pathologies in marriage.

You may consider incorporating cross-cultural marital expectations specific to Iran here, to reinforce the relevance of the sample's cultural context.

Please include a full caption with the figure title and a brief explanation of the model paths, rather than simply labeling it "Model with Beta Coefficients."

Consider discussing the strength of the indirect effect relative to the direct effect. How partial is the mediation?

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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