







A Causal Model of Marital Quality of Life Based on Resilience with the Mediating Role of Sexual Satisfaction in Married Teachers

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The first paragraph frames the issue well but could benefit from a stronger rationale for selecting teachers. For example, the sentence “Given the unique stressors associated with educational work...” could be strengthened by including empirical citations specific to occupational stress among teachers.

The final paragraph of the introduction rightly points out the lack of studies on teachers. However, consider referencing a study or statistic on the prevalence of marital stress or dissatisfaction among teachers in Iran to support this claim empirically.

The inclusion of spiritual influences as part of resilience is culturally relevant. However, please explain whether this dimension had a unique predictive value or was aggregated into a total score in the analysis.

The direct effect of resilience ($\beta = 0.42$) is reported correctly, but the sentence “...greater resilience is associated with higher levels of marital quality...” could be expanded to mention how much variance is explained (e.g., R^2 values) for added precision.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

You write, “In this context, resilience appears to play a dual role...” This is a key conceptual claim and would benefit from clearer operationalization—i.e., specify what is meant by “buffer” and “facilitator” roles in relation to sexual satisfaction.

The paragraph on sociocultural influences (starting with “It is also important to consider...”) is insightful, but underdeveloped. Consider adding empirical evidence on how sexuality is discussed or suppressed in Iranian marital contexts to strengthen the argument.

You state, “...although the correlation between resilience and sexual satisfaction was positive, it was not strong enough...” Please quantify this correlation to help readers interpret the effect size, even if it was not statistically significant in mediation.

The claim that “cultural norms and taboos...may dampen the influence...” is speculative but important. Consider referencing qualitative findings or regional psychological literature that document these taboos explicitly.

In the paragraph starting with “Another factor that might contribute...”, you mention communication and emotional intimacy. Consider explicitly stating these as omitted variables and recommend measuring them in future SEM models.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.