

# The Relationship Between Child Attitudes Towards Parents and Histrionic Personality Traits: The Mediating Role of Defense Mechanisms


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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the abstract, the objective states, "The aim of the present study was to determine the mediating role of self-regulation in predicting academic self-handicapping among lower secondary school students based on their attachment to parents peers and teachers." This appears inconsistent with the main focus on histrionic personality traits. Ensure the abstract accurately reflects the study's primary objectives.

In the introduction, the theoretical framework is briefly mentioned. It would be beneficial to expand on how object relations theory and self-psychology specifically relate to histrionic personality traits. Provide a more detailed explanation of how these theories inform your research hypotheses.

The Methods section mentions a sample size of 441 participants, citing the critical N index of Holter. However, provide more detail on the justification for this sample size and how it ensures sufficient power for the statistical analyses conducted.

Clarify the multi-stage cluster sampling process used to select the sample. Explain how clusters were defined and selected to ensure the sample is representative of the population.

The study uses several scales, such as the Brief Histrionic Personality Scale and the Defense Style Questionnaire. Include information on the validity and reliability of these scales within the context of your sample, particularly if these measures have been validated in similar populations.

The data analysis section should include more detail on the structural equation modeling process. Specifically, explain how you tested for model fit and handled any issues with multicollinearity or normality.

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### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction covers a broad range of topics related to personality disorders. Focus more specifically on histrionic personality disorder and how child attitudes towards parents are theorized to influence this condition. This will help readers understand the study's specific context and relevance.

The literature review should include a critical analysis of previous studies that have specifically explored the relationship between child attitudes towards parents and histrionic personality traits. For instance, consider elaborating on findings by Edwards (2017) and Hawk et al. (2019) regarding attention-seeking behaviors.

In Table 1, ensure all variables are clearly defined. For instance, specify what "Hostile Attitude" and "Noncompliant Attitude" refer to within the context of this study.

The correlation matrix presented in Table 2 should include a brief interpretation of significant correlations. Highlight the most important relationships and discuss their implications in the context of your hypotheses.

The results section discusses the bootstrapping test for mediation relationships. Provide more detail on how this test was conducted and the criteria used to determine the significance of mediation effects.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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