




Developing a Model of Death Anxiety Based on Perceived Social Support with the Mediation of Psychological Well-being in the Elderly with COVID-19 Experience

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sampling method (purposive) needs further justification given the broad demographic of elderly individuals. A more robust sampling strategy could enhance the generalizability of the findings.

More detailed explanations about the selection criteria for the sample population will help in assessing the external validity of the study findings.

The literature review could be expanded to include more recent studies on psychological impacts of pandemics on elderly populations, which would contextualize the findings within current research trends.

Consider including additional statistical tests to address potential confounding variables that might affect the relationship between perceived social support, psychological well-being, and death anxiety.

The conclusion section should succinctly summarize the findings and explicitly state the practical implications and recommendations for future research to provide a strong ending to the paper.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The paper should discuss the implications of non-significant direct effects more thoroughly, exploring potential reasons and the theoretical implications for the field of gerontology and mental health.

It is recommended to revisit the scales used for psychological well-being as the Cronbach's alpha values for some dimensions are relatively low (e.g., autonomy at .63), which could affect the reliability of the findings.

There are several typographical and grammatical errors throughout the document that need correction to maintain the professional quality of the manuscript.

Ensure consistency in the formatting of headings, subheadings, and text elements throughout the document to comply with journal standards.

Provide clearer definitions and operationalizations for key constructs such as "psychological well-being" and "death anxiety" to ensure clarity for readers unfamiliar with these terms.

Some references are outdated or not cited properly in the text. Updating and correctly formatting all references would enhance the credibility and scholarly value of the paper.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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