Predicting the Desire for Remarriage based on Self-Differentiation and Ego Strength Mediated by Irrational Beliefs in Divorced Youth

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Reviewer:

Abstract, Line 4-5: The abstract should specify the key findings related to the mediation effects of irrational beliefs. Consider adding a sentence summarizing these findings to provide a comprehensive overview.

Methods and Materials, Paragraph 1, Line 4-5: Clarify the criteria used for convenience sampling. Mention specific inclusion and exclusion criteria to improve reproducibility.

Introduction, Paragraph 2, Sentence 3: The phrase "marriage like any other social phenomenon has norms" could be more precise. Specify which norms are referred to and how they impact remarriage.

Introduction, Paragraph 4, Sentence 4: The statement "remarriage rates are higher among men than women" lacks a citation. Provide a reference to support this claim.

Methods and Materials, Measures Section, Differentiation of Self: The scoring details for the Differentiation of Self Inventory could be expanded. Include a brief explanation of how the total score and subscales are interpreted.

Methods and Materials, Measures Section, Ego Strength: The description of the Ego Strength Scale should include examples of the items used to assess the subscales. This will help in understanding the construct validity of the measure.

Methods and Materials, Measures Section, Irrational Beliefs: The psychometric properties of the Irrational Beliefs Questionnaire should be discussed in more detail. Include information on its factor structure and validation studies.

Findings, Table 2, Correlation Matrix: The table should include the sample size (N) for each correlation to provide context for the statistical significance.

Discussion, Paragraph 1, Sentence 1: The comparison with previous studies should be more specific. Mention the key findings of Abdollahi et al. (2021) and how they align or differ from the current study.

Discussion, Paragraph 2, Sentence 2: The term "marital dissatisfaction" needs further elaboration. Define what aspects of marital dissatisfaction were considered and their potential impact on remarriage desire.

Limitations & Suggestions, Paragraph 2, Sentence 1: The suggestion to include a broader array of variables in future research is vague. Provide specific examples of additional variables that could be relevant.

Conclusion, Paragraph 1, Sentence 3: The statement "appropriate educational programs can be planned" needs clarification. Suggest specific types of educational programs or interventions that could be effective.

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Table 1, Statistical Indices of Primary Research Variables: It would be beneficial to include confidence intervals for the mean values to provide a more detailed understanding of the data distribution.

Methods and Materials, Measures Section, Desire for Marriage: Explain the rationale behind using the Desire for Marriage Questionnaire by Pouretemad et al. (2004). Discuss its relevance and previous validation in similar studies.

Results, Paragraph 2, Sentence 1: The phrase "indicate that all direct paths in the final model are significant" is vague. Specify the criteria for significance (e.g., $p < 0.05$) and discuss the practical significance of these paths.

Discussion, Paragraph 4, Sentence 3: The statement "predictors of the level of self-differentiation include emotional reactivity" should be supported with references from the literature that discuss these predictors.

Limitations & Suggestions, Paragraph 1, Sentence 2: Explain why the reliance on self-report questionnaires is a limitation. Discuss potential biases and suggest alternative methods for future studies.

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Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.
Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.