



# The Causal Relationship Between Early Maladaptive Schemas and Attachment Styles with Attitudes Toward Marital Infidelity Among Married Men and Women

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Marital infidelity damages the fundamental element of the relationship which is trust ultimately leading to divorce between spouses" should be supported by recent statistics or studies showing the correlation between infidelity and divorce rates.

The paragraph states "Cronbach's alpha (reliability) coefficients for the secure, avoidant, and ambivalent subscales were 0.86, 0.84, and 0.85 respectively." It would be beneficial to clarify if these values are from the current study or cited from previous research.

The description of the Marital Infidelity Attitude Questionnaire should include more details on the factor structure and any validation studies specific to the Iranian context.

The table shows the descriptive statistics but does not include a discussion of the skewness and kurtosis values in the text. Please explain the implications of these values on the normality of the data.

The correlation table indicates significant relationships between variables. However, the text should include a discussion of the effect sizes and their practical significance.

The path coefficients are provided, but the text should include a more detailed explanation of what these coefficients represent in the context of the study's hypotheses.

Authors revised and uploaded the document.

### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The definition of "marital infidelity" provided is narrow. Consider expanding this to include emotional infidelity and its impact as well, supported by relevant literature.

The sampling method is described as simple random sampling. However, more details are needed on how participants were recruited and whether any inclusion or exclusion criteria were applied.

The description of the Young's Early Maladaptive Schema Questionnaire lacks detail on its psychometric properties. Please include information on its reliability and validity from previous studies.

The statement "this path was confirmed suggesting that changes in early maladaptive schemas increase attitudes toward marital infidelity" should be supported by a more detailed discussion of how these changes manifest in behavior and attitudes.

The sentence "This finding aligns with the results of some prior studies" should be followed by specific examples of these studies, with a brief description of their findings and how they compare to the current study.

The conclusion that "maladaptive schemas lead to biased interpretations of events" should be elaborated with specific examples of how these biases might affect perceptions of marital infidelity.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.