Predicting the Level of Marital Conflicts Based on Anxious-Insecure Attachment Style: The Mediating Role of Interpersonal Mindfulness

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction would benefit from a clearer articulation of the theoretical framework. How do the theories of attachment and mindfulness intersect and provide a basis for the hypotheses tested?

The literature review is comprehensive but could be more succinct. Focus on studies most relevant to the current research to enhance readability.

Clarify the distinction between intrapersonal and interpersonal mindfulness early in the introduction to help readers understand the specific focus of this study.

The mediation effect is described as significant. However, it would be beneficial to include a more thorough explanation of the mediation analysis method, such as the specific bootstrapping technique used and its justification.

While the model fit indices are reported, discuss why these particular indices were chosen and what constitutes an "excellent fit" in the context of SEM. Also, address any limitations these indices might have.

The discussion should elaborate on the practical implications of the findings. How can these results inform interventions for couples with high levels of marital conflict?

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1.2.   Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The section states, "The sample size was set at 540 participants which was eventually reduced to 402 after removing incomplete questionnaires." Please provide a more detailed explanation of the sample size determination and the impact of the reduced sample size on the study's power and generalizability.

The study used convenience sampling. Discuss the potential biases introduced by this sampling method and how they might affect the study's results. Including limitations of convenience sampling will strengthen the manuscript's methodological rigor.

The criteria are briefly mentioned. Elaborate on the exclusion criteria and how they were applied. For instance, how was "unwillingness to continue cooperation" assessed?

The measures used (Interpersonal Mindfulness Scale, Revised Experiences in Close Relationships Questionnaire, Kansas Marital Conflict Scale) have been previously validated. However, the paper would benefit from a more detailed discussion on the validity and reliability of these measures in the current study population.

The data analysis section states that "Data were analyzed using SPSS-26 and AMOS-21 using SEM method." Provide more details about the specific steps taken in SEM, such as model specification, identification, estimation, and testing of model fit.

The table presenting the correlation matrix should include exact p-values rather than ranges (e.g., <.05, <.01). This will provide a more precise understanding of the statistical significance of the results.

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