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Development of a Predictive Model for Suicidal Tendency in Individuals with Borderline Personality Disorder Based on Thwarted Belongingness, Perceived Burdensomeness, and Acquired Capability for Suicide: Testing Joiner's Model

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Suicide is a multifaceted self-harm behavior..." lacks sufficient detail about what constitutes "multifaceted." Consider elaborating on this to better situate the reader within the scope of the study.

The discussion on the validity of the BSSI and SBQ-R tools, like "The validity and reliability of this questionnaire have also been evaluated...", would benefit from including more specific evidence or references to previous validation studies.

For the description of the Interpersonal Needs Questionnaire (INQ), it would be helpful to discuss how cultural context might affect the responses, especially given the Iranian sample.

The section "The findings from the demographic data..." should include confidence intervals or effect sizes to give more context to the significance of the findings.

In Table 2, the presentation of correlation coefficients could be enhanced by discussing the strength and practical implications of these relationships in the text.

Authors revised and uploaded the document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The rationale for choosing individuals with BPD as a focus group (e.g., "This may be because characteristics such as emotional instability...") could benefit from a more detailed review of the existing literature to strengthen the justification.

The section "No successful models have been developed to explain and prevent suicide in individuals with BPD" appears overgeneralized. You might specify which models have been reviewed and why they are insufficient.

The sentence "The research method was correlational, utilizing structural equation modeling..." should include a clearer justification for using SEM over other statistical techniques.

The explanation of model fit (e.g., "Chi-Square Ratio...") could be more informative if you included a comparison to established thresholds and explained why certain indices might be more relevant for this study.

The discussion on "Among these variables, acquired capability for suicide played the most significant role..." could provide a deeper theoretical explanation or compare these findings to past research to elucidate their significance.

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2. Revised

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

