



# Effectiveness of McMaster Model Psychoeducational Training on Family Intimacy in Bipolar Patients


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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The argument could be strengthened by providing a clear theoretical framework or citing specific studies that quantify the impact of family intimacy on social outcomes. Consider adding a discussion on how the study builds on or challenges existing theories.

Explain why ANCOVA was chosen over other statistical methods. Discuss whether any assumptions for ANCOVA were tested, such as homogeneity of regression slopes, and how these assumptions were addressed.

The effect size and statistical power are reported, but the interpretation could be more explicit. Discuss whether the effect size is considered small, medium, or large according to conventional thresholds and the implications for clinical practice.

The conclusion would be stronger with a recommendation for future research to validate these findings across different populations or in longer-term studies.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the document.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sample size seems small. Consider discussing the rationale for selecting this sample size and whether a power analysis was conducted prior to the study to justify its adequacy.

The sampling method is stated as convenience sampling, which may introduce selection bias. Discuss the limitations of this sampling method and how it may affect the generalizability of the results.

There is insufficient detail on the content of each session. A brief outline of the key topics covered in each session and how they were tailored to the needs of the participants would be beneficial.

Provide additional details on the psychometric properties of the Intimacy Questionnaire, such as its validity and reliability in similar populations. This would strengthen the justification for its use in this study.

While the study aligns with previous research, a critical comparison is missing. Discuss how the effect sizes or findings differ from those of similar studies and what might account for these differences.

This paragraph introduces the impact of bipolar disorder on relationships, but it lacks integration with the study findings. Suggest linking this discussion more directly to how the McMaster Model addresses these challenges.

The discussion does not sufficiently address potential confounders that might have influenced the results. Consider discussing how factors such as the severity of bipolar disorder or other concurrent therapies might have impacted the outcomes.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.