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Modeling Psychological Well-Being Based on Attachment Styles, Personality Traits, and Defense Mechanisms with the Mediation of Coping Strategies in Emergency Medical Service Personnel

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Clarify in "Study Design and Participants" what specific inclusion and exclusion criteria were applied to select the participants. This is essential for replicability.

The bootstrapping method used for mediation analysis is briefly mentioned. Add more detail on the number of bootstraps performed and the confidence intervals applied.

The discussion on emotion-focused coping strategies (e.g., "anger or crying" in the "Discussion and Conclusion" section) could be strengthened by integrating more examples from the study's results to illustrate these points.

While the limitations section mentions generalizability, it does not discuss potential biases from self-report measures. Add a critique of the limitations inherent in self-reported data and their impact on findings.

The mediation effect of coping strategies, reported in Table 4, needs elaboration in the text. Specify which coping strategies mediated the strongest relationships and their practical implications.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the "Findings and Results" section, the goodness-of-fit index (GFI = 0.540) and related indices suggest poor model fit. Address why these low indices are considered acceptable, or discuss potential model revisions to improve fit.

In the introduction, the statement "attachment relationships remain active throughout an individual's life cycle" lacks citation. Add references to substantiate this claim, such as foundational studies by Bowlby.

The section on the "Defense Style Questionnaire" mentions Cronbach's alpha values but does not clarify whether these were calculated for the current sample or taken from previous studies. Specify this detail.

The description of coping strategies in "Measures" mentions three categories (task-focused, avoidance-focused, and emotion-focused). Define these categories explicitly in the context of your findings for better understanding.

Provide operational definitions for "psychological well-being" and "coping strategies" in the introduction or methods to ensure conceptual clarity.

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