Effectiveness of Cognitive Behavioral Couple Therapy Based on Heimberg's Model on Sexual Schemas and Sexual Satisfaction of Distressed Women

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence "Given that sexuality is a crucial component of improving the quality of couples' relationships…" would benefit from referencing specific cultural studies to strengthen the claim about its impact in the context of the study population.

For the Sexual Satisfaction scale, include a discussion of any cultural adaptations made, as Western-developed scales may not fully capture nuances in the Iranian population.

Provide more details about the content validity process conducted with psychology faculty members. What specific criteria were used to validate the questionnaires?

The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test results are presented without detailing the implications of these findings for subsequent analyses. Discuss how normality assumptions were met or managed.

Include a brief explanation of why Pillai's Trace, Wilks' Lambda, etc., were used. For readers unfamiliar with statistical analysis, this adds clarity.

Authors revised and uploaded the document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The citation of "Evli et al., 2021" could be expanded to discuss how findings align with other global research on positive sexual schemas.

The statement "limited research in this area" should be substantiated by referencing a systematic review or meta-analysis to support the claim.

The conclusion reiterates findings but could be improved by discussing broader implications for future research and therapy practices in different sociocultural settings.

Session 7 mentions "listing and recording worries." Elaborate on how this process integrates with the overall CBT framework. Does it involve feedback loops with the therapist?

The ANCOVA results show significance but lack effect size interpretation. Discuss the practical significance of these results beyond statistical values.

Explain the rationale for selecting MANCOVA over other potential multivariate techniques. Was this choice influenced by assumptions or data distribution?

The interpretation of findings would be strengthened by comparing the effectiveness of Heimberg's model to other CBT-based therapies.

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2. Revised

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