




# The Impact of Emotional Intimacy and Anxiety Sensitivity on Social Functioning: A Cross-Sectional Study

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The reliability and validity of the Social Functioning Questionnaire (SFQ) and Emotional Intimacy Scale (EIS) are well-documented. However, provide more details on the psychometric properties of these tools in diverse populations to support their use in your study.

The discussion on limitations is comprehensive, but consider adding more on potential confounding variables that were not controlled for, which could influence the results.

The suggestions for future research are insightful. However, specify what additional mediating factors should be considered in longitudinal studies and how these could impact social functioning.

The clinical implications are discussed, but it would be beneficial to include more specific examples of how interventions targeting emotional intimacy and anxiety sensitivity can be implemented in therapeutic settings.

When discussing the statistical significance of the regression model ( $F(2, 315) = 114.28, p < 0.001$ ), explain why this level of significance is particularly important for this study.

Consider including graphical representations (e.g., scatterplots, bar graphs) of the key findings to enhance understanding and visualization of the data.

Provide more detail on the informed consent process, such as how consent was obtained, what information was provided to participants, and how their questions were addressed.

While the discussion references several studies, a more detailed comparative analysis with recent literature would strengthen the context of your findings.

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## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the data analysis section, you mention using SPSS version 27. Provide a rationale for selecting this software over others and discuss any specific statistical methods or tests applied in more detail.

The interpretation of the Pearson correlation results is clear, but consider including a brief discussion on the practical implications of the correlation coefficients found, especially the significant positive correlation between emotional intimacy and social functioning ( $r = 0.57$ ).

While the regression model assumptions were tested and met, add more detail on how each assumption was specifically tested, such as providing a brief explanation of the Shapiro-Wilk test results.

Include the effect size for the multiple linear regression results to give readers a better understanding of the practical significance of the findings.

Address potential biases in the study, such as selection bias due to convenience sampling and how these biases might affect the generalizability of the findings.

Expand on how contextual factors, such as cultural differences, may influence the relationships between emotional intimacy, anxiety sensitivity, and social functioning.

Provide more detail on the data collection methods, including how the questionnaires were administered (e.g., online, in-person) and any measures taken to ensure consistency in data collection.

Strengthen the theoretical framework by more thoroughly explaining how the study's hypotheses are grounded in existing theories of social functioning, emotional intimacy, and anxiety sensitivity.

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

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