




Examining the Effectiveness of Cognitive-Behavioral Couple Therapy on Marital Satisfaction of Parents and Internalizing and Externalizing Behavioral Problems of Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Clarify the criteria used for the selection of the 56 couples. Were any standardized diagnostic tools used to confirm the diagnosis of autism?

The convenience sampling method is mentioned. Discuss any potential biases this might introduce and how they were mitigated.

The reliability coefficient for the Afrooz Marital Satisfaction Scale is given as 0.79. Discuss how this level of reliability is acceptable for your study and its implications on your findings.

The internal consistency coefficients for CBCL range from 0.63 to 0.95. Consider discussing the reliability of each specific subscale used in your study and how it affects the results.

In Table 2, explain the significance of the eta-squared values and how they were interpreted in the context of your study.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The statement, "Undoubtedly the critical and decisive issue of parental marital satisfaction is not immune in this vicious cycle and will suffer the hardest damage," needs clarification. Please elaborate on how marital satisfaction is specifically impacted and provide supporting references.

In the sentence, "Additionally, there is limited research on parent-implemented approaches for children with autism who have internalizing and externalizing behavior problems," specify the gap this study aims to fill and why it is significant.

Provide more details on the preliminary counseling sessions. How were individual histories and marital histories used in tailoring the therapy sessions?.

The term "cognitive restructuring" is used. Define this term in the context of your study and explain how it was implemented practically in the therapy sessions.

Elaborate on the specific behavioral management techniques taught to the parents. Include examples of the techniques and how they were expected to address internalizing and externalizing behaviors.

You mentioned using repeated measures ANOVA. Justify the use of this statistical method and discuss any assumptions that were checked before its application.

In Table 1, provide a brief explanation of what each variable represents. This will help readers better understand the results.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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