




# Modeling the Relationship Between Reality Testing and Object Relations with Psychological Well-being Through the Mediation of Defense Mechanisms in Grief Disorder

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sampling method (convenience sampling) and the tools used (Bell's Reality Testing and Object Relations Questionnaire, Andrews' Defense Mechanisms Questionnaire, Ryff's Psychological Well-being Questionnaire) are well-described, but further justification for the choice of these specific instruments over others could strengthen the methodological rigor of the study.

The results section is detailed and informative; however, incorporating visual aids such as charts or graphs to illustrate the relationships and findings could make the data more accessible and engaging for readers.

The discussion provides a thorough interpretation of the findings, yet integrating more comparative analysis with existing literature to position the study's contributions within the broader field would be beneficial.

Minor editorial revisions are needed to correct typographical errors and improve the overall readability of the manuscript.

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The study would benefit significantly from an expanded literature review that critically evaluates existing research on the mediation effects of defense mechanisms in psychological well-being, especially within the context of grief disorder. This should include both supporting and conflicting evidence to provide a balanced perspective.

The study's focus on defense mechanisms as mediators is a crucial contribution to the field. However, a more detailed analysis of the types of defense mechanisms identified and their specific roles in the mediation process would enrich the findings. Including case examples or qualitative data could also offer more nuanced insights into how these mechanisms operate in grief disorder.

The discussion section should be expanded to more directly address the clinical implications of the findings. How can mental health professionals apply these insights in therapy or intervention programs for individuals with grief disorder? Specific recommendations or guidelines for practitioners could significantly enhance the paper's practical relevance.

The manuscript would benefit from a thorough revision to improve clarity, coherence, and the logical flow of arguments. This includes refining the introduction to more clearly define the study's objectives and revising the results and discussion sections for better alignment with the stated research questions.

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.