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Development of a Structural Model of Emotional Divorce Based on the Dark Triad Personality Traits and Conflict Resolution Styles with the Mediation of Marital Conflicts

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Abstract Content (Page 1):

"This study aims to model the structural equations of emotional divorce based on dark personality traits and conflict resolution styles with the mediation of marital conflicts."

Comment: The abstract should include a brief mention of the key findings and their implications. Currently, it lacks specific results and the overall impact of the study.

Inconsistent Citations (Paragraph 5):

"Hey et al. (2018)..."

Comment: Ensure all references follow the same citation format. Some citations include author initials, while others do not. Consistency is key.

Relevance of Literature (Paragraph 7):

"Yu Di Jiang-Meng & Yu-Chen (2020)..."

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Comment: Explain the relevance of these studies more clearly. How do these findings specifically relate to the current study's focus on emotional divorce?

Instrument Validity (Paragraph 5):

"Cronbach's alpha was 0.78."

Comment: Include more details about the validity and reliability of all measurement instruments used in the study. Consider adding a table summarizing these metrics.

Descriptive Statistics (Table 1):

"Descriptive Indices and Correlation Matrix of Main Research Variables..."

Comment: Include more detailed explanations of the statistical terms and their significance for readers who may not be familiar with advanced statistics.

Path Analysis (Paragraph 3):

"The model fit indices indicate that all indices are within acceptable ranges..."

Comment: Provide a more detailed interpretation of the fit indices (e.g., RMSEA, CFI) and what they imply about the model's adequacy.

Discussion of Results (Paragraph 1):

"The results showed that Machiavellian traits are related to emotional divorce..."

Comment: Expand on why Machiavellian traits might be particularly impactful. Discuss possible mechanisms or theoretical explanations for this finding.

Contrasting Findings (Paragraph 4):

"In explaining the hypothesis of the mediating role of marital conflicts..."

Comment: Compare and contrast your findings with those from previous studies in more detail. Highlight any unexpected results and propose explanations for these discrepancies.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Introduction Clarity (Paragraph 1):

"Divorce is one of the most significant factors disrupting life (Van Gasse & Martelmeitz 2020)."

Comment: This sentence is too broad. Specify the psychological and social impacts of divorce, citing more specific studies to provide a comprehensive background.

Sample Description (Paragraph 1):

"The statistical population included all married women aged 25-50 years at Islamic Azad University..."

Comment: Provide more details about the demographic characteristics of the sample (e.g., education level, socioeconomic status) to understand the context better.

Sampling Method (Paragraph 2):

"The sampling method was convenience sampling..."

Comment: Discuss the potential biases introduced by convenience sampling and how they might affect the study's generalizability.

Conclusion Clarity (Paragraph 1):

"In this study, the structural model of emotional divorce based on the Dark Triad personality traits..."

Comment: The conclusion should succinctly summarize the key findings and their implications. Currently, it is too repetitive and lacks a strong closing statement.

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2. Revised

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

