

Comparison of Early Maladaptive Schemas and Difficulty in Emotion Regulation Among Adolescent Boys and Girls With and Without Marijuana Use


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction (Paragraph 1) briefly mentions the significance of adolescence but could benefit from a more detailed explanation of why this developmental period is critical for studying emotion regulation and maladaptive schemas.

More detail is needed about the validity and reliability of the Young Schema Questionnaire and the Difficulties in Emotion Regulation Scale used in the study. Include Cronbach's alpha values or other relevant statistics for the current sample.

While the discussion references several previous studies, it could be more critical in comparing the current findings with past research, noting any discrepancies or unexpected results.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The introduction (Paragraph 3) cites several studies (e.g., Brotchie et al., 2004; Monajem & Aghayousefi, 2015) but does not sufficiently integrate their findings into a coherent narrative that justifies the current study. More synthesis of these studies is needed.

The hypotheses are not explicitly stated in the introduction or methods section. Clearly state your hypotheses to guide the reader on the expected outcomes of your research.

The methods section (Paragraph 3) describes the use of snowball sampling but does not justify why this method was chosen over other sampling techniques. Provide a rationale for this choice, considering the potential biases it introduces.

The description of the MANOVA (Paragraph 5) should include more detail on the assumptions checked (e.g., homogeneity of variance, normality) and the results of these checks.

In the results section, the reporting of MANOVA results (Table 5 and Table 7) should include partial eta-squared values to provide an estimate of effect sizes.

The discussion (Paragraph 3) could benefit from a more nuanced interpretation of why early maladaptive schemas and emotion regulation difficulties differ by marijuana use status. Discuss potential causal mechanisms and theoretical implications.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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