




Effectiveness of Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy on Intimacy, Marital Forgiveness, and Marital Burnout in Women Affected by Extramarital Affairs

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The inclusion criteria state, "education from high school diploma to master's degree." It would be helpful to explain why this range of education levels was chosen and how it might affect the generalizability of the results.

The process of random assignment to the experimental and control groups is briefly mentioned. A more detailed description of the randomization procedure (e.g., specific method used) would enhance the transparency of the study design.

The section on "Marital Burnout" mentions the scale has been validated in Iran by Navidi (2005) but does not provide details about the validation process or sample. Including this information would add depth to the discussion on the reliability and validity of the measures used.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the abstract, it is stated, "The present study is a quasi-experimental design with a pre-test post-test and follow-up along with a control group." It would be beneficial to clarify the specific type of quasi-experimental design used (e.g., non-equivalent groups, time-series). This will help readers better understand the study design.

In the "Methods and Materials" section, the authors mention using G-Power software to determine the sample size. However, the justification for the effect size chosen (0.25) should be provided. Including references to similar studies that used this effect size would strengthen this section.

The manuscript states that SPSS-16 was used for data analysis. Given that newer versions of SPSS are available, it would be useful to justify the use of this particular version or discuss any limitations related to its use.

The results section notes that the assumption of sphericity was not met and the Greenhouse-Geisser correction was used. It would be beneficial to explain why this correction was chosen over others (e.g., Huynh-Feldt) and discuss any implications.

In the results section, effect sizes (eta squared) are reported, but their interpretation is missing. Including a discussion of these effect sizes in the context of similar research would provide readers with a better understanding of the practical significance of the findings.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

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