

Development and Validation of the Adolescent Victimization Perception Questionnaire in Iranian Adolescents

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the abstract, the sentence "This study aimed to design and validate a tool to measure the perception of victimization in Iranian adolescents" could benefit from specifying the types of victimization (e.g., emotional, behavioral, physical, sexual, and virtual) that the tool measures to give a clearer overview.

On page 4, paragraph 2, the sampling method is described as "purposively selected." Please provide more detail on how participants were chosen and why this method was used, including any potential biases it may introduce.

The justification for the sample size (page 4, paragraph 3) states that "many researchers agree that a minimum sample size of 200 participants is required." Please provide specific references to support this claim.

The ethical considerations (page 5, paragraph 1) mention obtaining consent but do not describe how consent was obtained from minors. Clarify the process for obtaining parental or guardian consent for participants under 18.

On page 5, paragraph 3, you mention that the initial instrument had 49 items. Please provide more detail on how these items were developed and the rationale behind their selection.

In the findings section (page 6, paragraph 2), the results of the exploratory factor analysis are discussed. Include more detail on the criteria used for retaining items and the process of item reduction from 49 to 44.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The definition of victimization in the introduction (paragraph 1) lacks detail. Please elaborate on the types of victimization (emotional, behavioral, physical, sexual, and virtual) and their relevance to the study's context.

In the literature review (page 2, paragraph 3), the statement "Previous studies have focused on identifying limited dimensions of victimization" needs citation support. Please provide references to studies that highlight this limitation.

The research gap is not clearly stated. The sentence "No tool was found domestically that comprehensively examines the psychological (emotional-mental) behavioral physical and sexual dimensions of victimization among adolescents" should be expanded to clearly articulate what existing tools lack and why a new tool is necessary.

The reliability analysis on page 6, paragraph 3, mentions Cronbach's alpha for subscales. Please provide a table showing the Cronbach's alpha values for each subscale and the overall scale for clarity.

The confirmatory factor analysis (page 7, paragraph 1) should include fit indices (e.g., CFI, TLI, RMSEA) and their respective values to support the validity of the model.

In the discussion section (page 8, paragraph 2), you mention that the findings align with previous research. Please provide specific examples and references to studies that support your findings.

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2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.