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# The Moderating Role of Family Communication Patterns in the Relationship Between Childhood Trauma and Tendency Toward Addiction in Adolescent Boys

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## 1. Round 1

# 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"The introduction could benefit from a clearer definition of 'addiction' as used in the context of this study. While the general concept is outlined, specifying the types of substances or behaviors considered under 'addiction' would add clarity."

"The choice of hierarchical regression analysis is appropriate; however, the assumptions underlying this statistical method should be explicitly stated. Discussing how these assumptions were tested would add rigor to the analysis section."

"The presentation of descriptive statistics is clear, but including a brief interpretation or highlighting any particularly noteworthy findings would help in understanding the context of these numbers."

"In the correlation matrix, it is noted that all dimensions of childhood trauma have significant correlations with the tendency toward addiction. Adding a brief explanation of these findings in the text could provide better insight into the implications of these relationships."

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.



### 1.2. Reviewer 2

### Reviewer:

"The statement 'Due to its location on one of the main routes for opioid trafficking...' could be strengthened with specific data or references to support the claim about Iran's role in global drug trafficking and its impact on substance abuse rates."

"The sample size of 380 adolescents is mentioned as being based on the Morgan table. Please include a brief explanation or a citation for the Morgan table to provide context for readers unfamiliar with it."

"It would be useful to elaborate on the process of 'multistage cluster sampling' used in this study. Specifically, detailing how the clusters were defined and selected could enhance the reproducibility of the study."

"The validity and reliability statistics for the Addiction Tendency scale are from 2007. Considering the dynamic nature of psychological assessments, it would be beneficial to provide more recent validation studies or discuss any updates to the scale."

"The discussion section mentions that the findings are consistent with several previous studies. It would be helpful to include more details on how this study's results align or differ from these referenced studies."

"The discussion on the moderating role of family communication patterns could be expanded. Specifically, explaining why certain patterns moderated the relationship between trauma and addiction while others did not would provide a deeper understanding of the findings."

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### 2. Revised

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

