




The Effectiveness of Marital Enrichment Training on Responsibility and Sexual Function in Young Married Women in Amol County

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The definition of sexual function cites “subjective satisfaction,” yet it would strengthen the paragraph to clarify how satisfaction is operationalized in the study (e.g., psychological, relational).

The discussion of responsibility would benefit from a clearer theoretical framing (e.g., Bandura’s social cognitive theory or Deci & Ryan’s self-determination theory) to ground the construct scientifically.

Descriptive statistics are provided, but no mention of power analysis is made. Was the sample size adequate to detect the observed effects with high power?

The sentence, “The correlation matrix presented in Table 2...” is misleading since no such matrix is shown. Either remove this reference or provide the matrix.

While outcome improvements are described, the psychological mechanisms (e.g., improved communication leading to sexual confidence) are not clearly linked to the measured outcomes.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The repeated citation of Nisuwiswa & Jacobs (2024) in both the general background and intervention effect paragraphs could be consolidated and expanded to detail the methodological strength of their study.

Although cultural sensitivity is noted, the paragraph lacks a direct statement of the research gap. A clear articulation of what this study adds beyond existing Iranian or global literature is needed.

Sessions 2 through 4 include overlapping domains (e.g., intimacy and sexual topics). Clarify the distinctions between session objectives or merge where conceptually redundant.

It would be helpful to include a brief explanation of what improvements in each sexual function subscale (e.g., lubrication, pain) imply for psychological outcomes.

Phrases like “enhancing couples’ sense of responsibility” imply causality. Please temper this language or support it with stronger evidence or reference to experimental control.

Given the Iranian context, it would strengthen the discussion to elaborate on how marital enrichment aligns or conflicts with local sociocultural expectations about marital roles.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.