

The Mediating Role of Gratitude in the Link Between Parental Warmth and Subjective Well-being in Youth

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The authors define SWB clearly, but they may consider briefly mentioning its three components (life satisfaction, positive affect, and negative affect) earlier for conceptual completeness.

The sentence “Parental warmth, characterized by expressions of affection, support...” would benefit from citing empirical studies that have operationalized and validated this construct in adolescence, to support the conceptual framing.

While the model fit indices are reported, the absence of SRMR (Standardized Root Mean Square Residual) should be addressed or justified, as it is commonly recommended.

The paper claims gratitude is “not merely a personal trait,” which is accurate, but adding theoretical models or longitudinal data supporting the environmental malleability of gratitude would be helpful.

Authors uploaded the revised manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

When stating, “These insights align with the broaden-and-build theory...,” please cite Fredrickson (2001), the original theorist, as a foundational source.

The sentence “...where cultural values around family, gratitude, and psychological well-being may manifest differently” would be stronger if supported by a specific citation on Georgian cultural norms regarding parenting or emotional expression.

Correlations are clearly significant, but it would be useful to mention whether correlation differences (e.g., gratitude–SWB vs. warmth–SWB) were statistically compared (e.g., using Steiger’s Z-test).

The authors state, “all variables fell within the acceptable range of -1 to $+1$,” but normality tests (e.g., Shapiro-Wilk) or histograms/Q-Q plots could be mentioned for additional support.

The authors state, “These findings suggest that parental warmth not only has a direct impact...”—this could be strengthened by explicitly quantifying the direct and indirect paths again for emphasis.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

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