




The Role of Parents' Marital Relationship Quality in Adolescents' Self-Esteem with the Mediating Role of Attachment Style: A Structural Modeling Approach

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Please clarify whether the study conceptualizes attachment as categorical or dimensional, as the Hazan and Shaver scale is often used in both ways. This has implications for SEM specification and interpretation.

Although theoretically relevant, this construct is not measured in the present study. Consider explicitly stating that this literature is cited for contextual framing, or alternatively justify why perception discrepancies were not incorporated into the model.

The aim is clearly stated; however, it would be strengthened by explicitly specifying whether the model is confirmatory or exploratory, particularly given the use of SEM.

Please explicitly report which indices (e.g., CFI, TLI, RMSEA, SRMR) and their cutoff criteria, both here and in the Results section.

The correlation matrix reports values such as 0.822, 0.888, 0.852 on the diagonal, which appear to be reliability coefficients, not correlations. Please clearly label these or separate reliability reporting from the correlation matrix.

Please report confidence intervals for standardized effects to improve interpretability and align with best SEM reporting practices.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Please justify the use of the term “applied”, as the study appears primarily explanatory rather than intervention-oriented. Clarifying this enhances methodological precision.

It is unclear how non-independence of data (adolescents nested within families) was addressed. Please clarify whether any statistical correction or modeling assumption was applied.

This criterion potentially introduces selection bias. Please acknowledge this explicitly and discuss how it may limit generalizability, especially to single-parent or divorced families.

This claim is debated in the literature. Please provide a citation supporting a two-factor structure, or clarify that the total score was used without modeling subdimensions.

The parent–child relationship is mentioned here but not modeled later. Please revise for consistency or clarify whether this variable was initially planned but excluded.

Please clarify how multiple attachment dimensions were handled analytically—were they aggregated, or was one dominant style selected? This is essential for SEM validity.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.