

# The Impact of Trauma on the Self-Esteem of Black Adolescents: Moderating Effects of Boundaries in Parent- Adolescent Relationships

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer: Congratulations on your research! The manuscript presents an interesting study on the moderating effects of perceived closeness with parents on the self-esteem of Black adolescents who have experienced trauma. Your approach through a Structural Family Therapy lens is commendable. However, to enhance the manuscript's suitability for publication, please consider the following revisions:

The current length of the introduction section could be more concise. A more focused introduction of approximately 1000 words would provide a clearer and more direct exposition of the study's context and objectives.

To improve clarity, please describe the measurement for each variable in a single, dedicated paragraph. This will facilitate a better understanding of the methods used and enhance the replicability of your study.

The presentation of data would benefit significantly from the use of tables. Tables can offer a more structured and accessible view of the results, aiding in the comprehension of the findings.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Ensure that the abstract adheres strictly to the journal's format, highlighting the study's objective, methods, key findings, and implications concisely.

Include the questionnaires used in your study as appendices or provide detailed descriptions in the methods section. This addition will improve the manuscript's transparency and reproducibility.

Clearly report the R and P-values obtained in your analyses to substantiate your findings. This detail is crucial for the scientific rigor of your study.

Your study should reference the MESH (Medical Subject Headings) website for terminology and indexing purposes, ensuring consistency and discoverability.

Utilize more recent references to reflect current research trends and validate your study's relevance within the ongoing scientific dialogue.

Revise the introduction to contain 1500 words, merging relevant sections smoothly without distinct subtitles to maintain a coherent narrative flow.

Include the mean (SD) of variables in your results section to provide a clear statistical overview of your findings.

Clearly delineate your analytical model in the methods section. A well-defined model is essential for understanding the study's analytical framework.

Explicitly state the assumptions underlying your statistical analyses. This clarification will enhance the methodological robustness of your study.

Detail your final model and present all findings, including those related to assumptions, in standardized tables for clarity and accessibility.

Concisely summarize the study's limitations and suggestions for future research, integrating them into a cohesive section.

Response: Revised and uploaded the new document.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.