




Effectiveness of Forgiveness Therapy on Emotional Expression in Mother with Visual Impairment Children

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In “The loss of vision in children has a significant impact...,” it would enhance precision to include more recent epidemiological data to contextualize the significance of visual impairment in children globally or within Iran.

“Parents of children with visual impairments may manifest a tendency to an increased sense of helplessness...” should be edited for grammar and flow. Suggested revision: “Parents of children with visual impairments often experience heightened feelings of helplessness, frustration, and guilt...”

“Studies have suggested that forgiveness therapy is one of the common psychological treatments...” — this is a generalization that needs refining. Instead, specify its main areas of application (e.g., trauma, couple therapy, chronic illness).

“Given this situation, we argue that there is a paucity...” – the term “paucity” is appropriate, but a more direct link to the identified gap (emotional expression in this demographic) should be established here. Suggest expanding: “Despite substantial

evidence supporting forgiveness therapy for various populations, few interventions target mothers of children with visual impairments in the context of emotional expression.”

The sentence “20 mothers who met the criteria for entering and exiting the study were selected” lacks clarity. The term “criteria for exiting” should be replaced or elaborated (e.g., exclusion criteria). Also, clarify how randomization was conducted—simple randomization or block randomization?

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

“Among them are shock, distrust, sadness, reject reality, and feel guilty.” – The items in this list mix noun and verb forms. Revise to maintain consistency: “shock, disbelief, sadness, denial, and guilt.”

The sentence “Positive emotions, which come to the forefront in the expression of emotion...” would benefit from a clearer explanation of the broaden-and-build theory and its relevance to the parent-child relationship, ideally citing Fredrickson more directly.

“So, it is very important to understand the factors affecting the emotional expressions of mothers...” – Avoid starting academic sentences with “So.” Consider replacing with: “Therefore, understanding the factors influencing mothers’ emotional expression is essential...”

The sentence “The total score ranges from 19 to 80” contradicts the fact that the questionnaire has 16 items scored 1–5 (max 80). But the minimum possible score should be 16, not 19. Please check this scoring range or clarify if some items are not scored.

The phrase “there is a big change in the mean scores...” should be replaced with more precise scientific language. Suggested revision: “The intervention group demonstrated a notable increase in mean scores from pre-test to post-test, suggesting potential efficacy of the intervention.”

The sentence beginning “These outcomes are consistent with previous studies...” is overly long and dense. Consider breaking it into 2–3 sentences for readability and summarizing the main results with more clarity per cited source.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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