

# The Mediating Role of Triangulation in the Family on the Relationship Between Differentiation and Marital Conflict in Parents with Disabled Children


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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction effectively sets the stage for the study, but the literature review could be expanded to include more recent research on the impact of family dynamics on marital conflict, especially in families with disabled children. This would provide a more comprehensive background and justify the study's significance.

The methodology is clearly described, but more information on the criteria for selecting rehabilitation centers and the process of obtaining consent from participants would enhance transparency and ethical rigor.

The presentation of results is straightforward, with clear tables and descriptions. However, incorporating visual aids such as graphs could make the data more accessible and engaging for readers.

The discussion thoughtfully interprets the findings, linking them to existing literature. Expanding the discussion to consider the implications for practical interventions in clinical settings would make the study's contributions more actionable.

The limitations are appropriately acknowledged, but discussing potential biases in convenience sampling and strategies to mitigate these in future research would strengthen the study's credibility.

Ensure all references are correctly formatted and up-to-date. Including a broader range of sources from different cultural contexts could enhance the study's relevance and applicability.

Minor grammatical and typographical errors should be addressed to improve readability and professionalism.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While the study introduces an important topic, the theoretical framework could be strengthened. A more detailed exploration of the constructs of differentiation and triangulation, including their theoretical underpinnings, would provide a stronger foundation for the study.

The use of convenience sampling from a single district limits the generalizability of the findings. Future research should aim for a more diverse sample, possibly including multiple regions or countries, to enhance the study's applicability.

Greater detail on the development and validation of the questionnaires used, especially in the context of Tehran, would add to the methodological robustness. This includes addressing any cultural adaptations made to the instruments.

While the use of correlation and regression analyses is appropriate, employing advanced statistical methods such as structural equation modeling could provide deeper insights into the complex relationships among the variables.

The interpretation of results would benefit from a deeper analysis of the implications of triangulation within the family system. Discussing how these dynamics might differ across different types of disabilities could add valuable nuances.

The study's practical implications are somewhat underdeveloped. Expanding this section to include specific, evidence-based recommendations for practitioners working with families with disabled children would be beneficial.

Considering the cross-sectional design, incorporating a longitudinal study could offer insights into how these family dynamics evolve over time, particularly as children grow and their needs change.

While the study adheres to ethical guidelines, a more thorough discussion on the ethical complexities of researching vulnerable populations, including informed consent and confidentiality, would enhance the manuscript's integrity.

Given the cultural specificity of the sample, a discussion on how cultural factors influence the study's constructs and findings is necessary. This could include comparisons with studies from other cultures to highlight similarities and differences.

The conclusion should more explicitly outline future research directions, including potential interventions to mitigate marital conflict in families with disabled children. This might involve collaboration with rehabilitation centers to develop and test targeted support programs.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.