

# The Effectiveness of Schema Mode Therapy on Agreeableness and Moral Disengagement in Individuals with Narcissistic Personality Disorder

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

While the introduction highlights the significance of NPD treatment, the sentence "The treatment of NPD remains a challenging area in psychological therapy..." lacks references to existing literature supporting this claim. Adding citations would strengthen this assertion.

The exclusion criteria are well-defined; however, it is unclear how the researchers ensured the validity of the "voluntary and informed consent." Clarifying the process (e.g., written consent forms, independent review) would improve transparency.

The protocol for SMT is detailed. However, the description of therapist qualifications (e.g., years of experience, specific training) could enhance the credibility of the intervention.

The Shapiro-Wilk test is noted, but no effect sizes are reported for the ANOVA results. Including effect sizes would provide a clearer understanding of the intervention's magnitude.

The role of schema dialogues is briefly mentioned. Expanding this discussion with specific examples from the study would provide greater insight into its practical application.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

### 1.2. *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

The discussion on agreeableness mentions its importance in interpersonal relationships but does not clearly explain how SMT specifically influences this trait. Consider elaborating on this connection with supporting evidence.

The mention of moral disengagement is compelling but requires further clarification on why it is particularly relevant to NPD. Including recent studies on this relationship would enhance this section.

The description of the Moral Disengagement Scale is thorough, but including the rationale for choosing this scale over others would add depth.

The Bonferroni post-hoc results are significant, but a visual representation (e.g., bar graphs) could make the findings more accessible to readers.

The improvement in agreeableness is linked to schema-based interventions, but the discussion could be expanded to explore alternative mechanisms influencing these outcomes.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. **Revised**

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.