

# Modeling the Relationship Between Psychological Capital and Alexithymia with Emotional Divorce Through the Mediation of Spiritual Intelligence in Couples Seeking Divorce

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

When stating “According to studies... 60% to 70% of families experience emotional divorce,” the reference to Zahedi (2021) as a secondary source is insufficient. Provide the primary source or clearly define how the statistic was derived.

It is unusual to present a 13x13 matrix with significant values marked only by asterisks and lacking direct variable names. Consider simplifying by listing primary constructs only or dividing the matrix by domains (e.g., psychological capital vs. outcomes).

The bootstrap confidence intervals (e.g., upper = 0.126, lower = 0.102) are unusually narrow. Confirm the calculation method and bootstrapping technique (e.g., number of samples, bias-corrected CI).

The sentence “Alexithymia... results from automatic inhibition of emotional information” would benefit from a citation to foundational literature in affective neuroscience or emotional regulation.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The description of psychological capital components (hope, resilience, etc.) is sound, but the theoretical mechanisms linking them to marital stability need more elaboration. Include a brief explanatory model or citation discussing the stress-buffering role of psychological capital.

The justification for the study's novelty states "no research was found that simultaneously examined the interrelation of these variables." Strengthen this claim with a mini-review indicating the gap clearly.

The conclusion that "psychological capital negatively and indirectly affects emotional divorce" is correct but redundant. Rephrase to clarify the mechanism and specify that this effect is mediated by spiritual intelligence.

The sentence "Successfully resolving such challenges together..." needs empirical grounding. Consider citing studies on conflict resolution and meaning-making in marital therapy to reinforce this point.

The claim that "psychological capital can act as a motivational force for psychological reconstruction" is conceptually strong but speculative. Add evidence from interventions or clinical studies supporting this transformative role.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.