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The Role of Life Stressful Events, Emotional Distress Tolerance, and Perceived Gender Discrimination in Predicting Suicidal Thoughts Among Women with Experiences of Domestic Violence

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The claim "perceived gender discrimination may not only normalize violence..." would benefit from an example or elaboration drawn from Iranian or similar Middle Eastern settings for contextual grounding.

The transition between systemic barriers and structural discrimination (e.g., "Moreover, existing health and legal systems often fail...") would benefit from a linking sentence that explicitly ties this point back to suicidal ideation risk.

Perceived gender discrimination was not included in the final regression. Since it was a key variable, a short justification (e.g., due to non-significant β or multicollinearity) is necessary.

The statement "perceived gender discrimination... was not a significant predictor" is important. However, a more in-depth analysis of why this variable was non-significant despite its correlation is warranted.

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Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

While you note that the Persian version of the DTS has been validated, providing a citation or brief mention of who validated it (e.g., a local study) would strengthen the psychometric transparency.

Although you mention checking assumptions, the method for verifying multicollinearity (e.g., VIF thresholds) and normality (e.g., histogram or test name) could be better integrated into the paragraph text for clarity.

The phrase "life stress is a critical risk factor for suicide..." suggests causality. Given the cross-sectional design, consider rewording to reflect associations rather than causation.

You suggest variables such as self-esteem or social support may mediate the effect of discrimination. A brief mention of literature supporting these mediators would strengthen this suggestion.

The paragraph transitions from gender discrimination to emotional processing to systemic factors in a dense way. Consider restructuring or adding topic sentences to enhance flow and thematic coherence.

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2. Revised

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