







# Modeling the Propensity for Extramarital Relationships Based on Narcissism and Communication Skills with the Mediating Role of Marital Burnout

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the sentence "...a profound socio-ethical challenge in contemporary family systems", the phrase "socio-ethical challenge" is compelling but appears conceptually redundant with "profound." Consider revising for precision.

The introduction could benefit from referencing a formal theoretical model (e.g., Investment Model of Commitment, Attachment Theory) to anchor the study variables more conceptually.

The sentence "...not merely a passive emotional state but may function as a crucial psychological mechanism..." is powerful, but "passive emotional state" needs clarification or citation.

The sentence "marital burnout served as the emotional pathway..." would benefit from citing more recent meta-analyses or empirical studies (post-2020) to ground this assertion in current literature.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

## 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The paragraph referencing Iranian studies (e.g., Choopani et al., 2021) would benefit from distinguishing cultural-specific mechanisms of infidelity compared to more general psychological explanations.

The term “betrayal tendencies” is used interchangeably with “infidelity proneness.” For clarity, one consistent term should be maintained throughout the article.

The section on the Narcissistic Personality Inventory lacks a direct citation for the scale used (e.g., Raskin & Hall, 1979). Please include the original source.

Table 1 includes skewness and kurtosis, but a short interpretation of their thresholds (e.g.,  $\pm 1.5$ ) would aid readers unfamiliar with normality assessment.

In Table 2, the correlation between narcissism and communication skills is unexpectedly high ( $r = 0.52$ ). Discuss this unexpected positive relationship in the discussion section.

## 2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.