

Designing a Model of Suicidal Beliefs Based on Emotional Expressivity with the Mediating Role of Fear of Negative Evaluation in Individuals with Gender Dysphoria

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

When discussing fear of negative evaluation, you state, “A growing body of longitudinal research demonstrates that fear of negative evaluation is bidirectionally associated with suicidal ideation...” While the point is clear, provide more detail on whether such associations have been tested in gender minority populations specifically.

The paragraph on emotional expressivity concludes, “Emotion dysregulation more broadly has been confirmed as a robust predictor of suicidal risk...” Here, it would be helpful to situate emotional expressivity within the broader framework of emotion regulation to avoid conceptual overlap.

The section on cognitive perspectives mentions “inflexible negative interpretations dampen positive emotions...” It would strengthen this discussion to connect it back explicitly to fear of negative evaluation as the mediator.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The sentence, “Suicidal ideation and behaviors represent a pressing global health concern...” should be more explicitly connected to the study’s focus on gender dysphoria. Consider briefly highlighting why this population deserves targeted investigation at the outset.

You write, “Gender dysphoria in particular has been identified as a high-risk condition for suicide.” Please consider adding prevalence estimates for suicidal ideation and attempts in this group to contextualize the magnitude of the problem.

The correlation table shows strong intercorrelations among emotional expressivity subscales ($r = .71-.74$). Please discuss potential redundancy and whether a higher-order factor analysis was considered.

The sentence, “These results provide new insights into the psychological mechanisms...” would benefit from specifying how these insights extend existing minority stress or interpersonal theories, rather than restating significance.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.