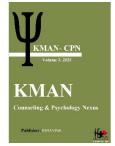


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# The Relationship Between Anger Management and Integrative Self-Knowledge with the Mediating Role of Self-Compassion in Nurses

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#### 1. Round 1

#### 1.1. Reviewer 1

#### Reviewer:

The term under-addressed is asserted without empirical backing. Please provide evidence or citations showing that anger regulation is indeed less studied or insufficiently addressed in nursing-specific psychological research.

The manuscript states that "Self-compassion... has become a pivotal construct..." but the narrative mixes conceptual description with empirical claims. Consider separating conceptual definitions from outcome-based evidence to avoid conceptual conflation.

The paragraph is dense and introduces several mechanisms (angry rumination, forgiveness, cognitive flexibility). For clarity, consider restructuring into separate sentences highlighting which mechanisms are empirically supported versus theoretically proposed.

The three subdimensions are outlined, but no justification is given for treating integrative self-knowledge as a unidimensional latent factor in the SEM model. Please explain why a total score was used rather than modeling the construct as multidimensional.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.



### 1.2. Reviewer 2

#### Reviewer:

The sentence "Nonetheless, there is a lack of empirical models..." should be strengthened by citing literature reviews or scoping studies that demonstrate this gap. Without explicit evidence, the claimed novelty remains unsubstantiated.

The design description lacks justification for choosing purposive sampling. The authors should justify why probabilistic sampling was not possible and how purposive sampling affects generalizability.

The exclusion criterion "not having experienced the death of close family members or divorce" lacks conceptual justification. Explain why these life events were considered confounders and how excluding such participants affects external validity.

Reliability information references "Spielberger and a psychiatric patient," which is unclear. Revise this sentence, as a psychometric evaluation cannot be attributed to a single psychiatric patient. Clarify the intended meaning and cite the correct validation study.

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#### 2. Revised

Editor's decision after revisions: Accepted. Editor in Chief's decision: Accepted.

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