


Comparison of the Effectiveness of Compassion-Based Therapy and Relational Imagery Training on Post-Traumatic Growth in Women with Experience of Spousal Infidelity

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The aim sentence is clear; however, the authors may consider specifying whether the comparison is expected to yield differential short-term or sustained (follow-up) effects, which would improve conceptual precision.

In the paragraph describing the quasi-experimental design, the phrase “random replacement based on group matching” requires clearer methodological explanation to ensure transparency regarding the randomization and matching procedure.

In the paragraph summarizing demographic homogeneity, the authors might consider adding effect sizes or descriptive statistics to strengthen claims of group equivalence.

In the paragraph beginning “One plausible explanation for this finding lies in the differential focus...”, the argument would benefit from a clearer distinction between proximal and distal mechanisms of posttraumatic growth.

Response: Revised and uploaded the manuscript.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

When interpreting Table 3, the sentence “parametric tests could be applied” would benefit from reporting exact skewness and kurtosis values rather than categorical statements.

The paragraph interpreting the time \times group interaction should include a brief conceptual explanation of what this interaction implies clinically, not only statistically.

The authors report mean differences accurately; however, it is recommended to report confidence intervals to enhance interpretability of effect magnitude.

In the paragraph stating “compassion-based therapy was reported to be more effective”, the authors should explicitly discuss clinical significance, not only statistical significance.

The opening paragraph effectively summarizes findings; however, it could be improved by explicitly restating the theoretical rationale proposed in the introduction and linking it directly to the observed results.

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Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

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