



# Effectiveness of Integrated Couples Therapy on Intimacy and Marital Forgiveness among Women Affected by Extramarital Relationships

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The research question is relevant; however, it could benefit from greater specificity regarding the theoretical framework of integrated couples therapy. Clarify how this therapy differs or complements existing approaches to treating the impacts of extramarital relationships.

The literature review thoroughly outlines various dimensions of intimacy and approaches to therapy but lacks a critical analysis of previous studies' limitations. Incorporate a discussion on gaps in current research that your study aims to fill.

The selection criteria and process for participants need more detail, especially regarding how participants' experiences of infidelity were verified and any potential biases in self-reporting.

The statistical analysis is robust; however, discussing the potential impact of the small sample size and how it might limit the generalizability of the findings is important. Additionally, exploring other statistical methods that could validate the findings further would be advantageous.

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1.2. *Reviewer 2*

Reviewer:

The argument is clear but could be strengthened by more directly linking the theoretical framework of integrated couples therapy to the specific improvements observed in participants.

Consider adding a summary table that highlights the key findings at pre-test, post-test, and follow-up for both the experimental and control groups for quick reference.

The analysis section is thorough; however, a brief discussion on any unexpected findings or anomalies in the data would provide a deeper understanding of the therapy's effects.

The conclusion effectively summarizes the study's findings but could further emphasize practical implications for practitioners in the field of couples therapy.

Ensure that all references are up-to-date and correctly formatted according to the journal's guidelines.

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**2. Revised**

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