

Perceived Social Support as a Buffer Against Fear of Intimacy: Evidence from Single Girls

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Strengthen the introduction by clearly delineating the research question, the significance of the study, and the hypothesis at the beginning.

Enhance the literature review by discussing contradictory studies to provide a balanced view of the current research landscape.

Explicitly state the theoretical framework guiding the study. This will help in aligning the methodology and discussion with established theories.

Justify the choice of a cross-sectional design more robustly, discussing its advantages and limitations in the context of the study objectives.

Provide more details about the convenience and snowball sampling methods used, including why these were chosen over other potential methods.

Clarify the inclusion criteria by specifying what constitutes being "single" for the purpose of this study, as relationship status can vary.

Discuss the psychometric properties (e.g., reliability, validity) of the scales used in the study, specifically the Fear of Intimacy Scale and the MSPSS, in the context of this sample.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The abstract should succinctly summarize the study's objective, methods, results, and conclusion. Consider reducing redundancy by merging similar sentences.

Expand the descriptive statistics section to include range and median values for age and scores, which might provide deeper insight into the distribution.

Provide a rationale for the variables included in the regression model and discuss any variables that were considered but not included.

Detail any additional statistical tests used to check the assumptions of the regression analysis, such as tests for outliers or influential points.

Provide a more detailed discussion of the implications of the beta coefficients found in the regression analysis, relating them back to the hypotheses.

Discuss the generalizability of the results to other populations, considering the sample's demographic limitations.

Update references to include more recent studies and ensure all references are accurately cited in the text.

Conduct a thorough language and grammar check to enhance the readability and professional quality of the manuscript.

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