

The Psychological Impact of Social Expectations on Women's Personal Choices


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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

In the introduction, clarify the specific research gap this study addresses. The sentence "PTSD is associated with numerous detrimental outcomes one of which is substance and alcohol use" can be expanded to specify how this study uniquely contributes to existing literature on PTSD and substance use disorders.

Clarify the purposive sampling method used in the study. In the Methods and Materials section, add a sentence to explain why purposive sampling was chosen over other sampling methods and how it ensures diversity and representativeness.

In the Methods and Materials section, the descriptions of the Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Checklist (PCL-5) and the Cognitive Emotion Regulation Questionnaire (CERQ) are brief. Provide more detailed information about the reliability and validity of these tools in past research.

Expand on the theoretical implications of your findings in the Discussion section. Explain how the results support or challenge existing theories on emotion regulation, PTSD, and substance use.

In the Conclusion section, elaborate on the practical implications for mental health professionals. Offer specific recommendations for clinical practice based on your findings.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The literature review (Introduction, para 3) could benefit from a deeper exploration of recent studies. Include a section discussing the latest research trends in emotion regulation among women with PTSD and addiction, ensuring citations from the past five years.

In the Methods and Materials section, provide a more detailed justification for the sample size of 179 individuals. Explain why this number is statistically adequate for the study's objectives and how it was determined.

In the Findings section, the description of the multivariate analysis of variance is too concise. Include more details about the specific statistical methods used, such as assumptions checked and the exact models tested.

The interpretation of the results in the Findings section (para 3) can be enhanced by discussing potential confounding factors and how they were controlled in the analysis. For example, consider factors like socioeconomic status and its impact on emotion regulation and substance use.

In the Discussion section, provide a more thorough comparison of the current study's findings with those of previous studies. Highlight similarities and differences explicitly and discuss possible reasons for these differences.

The Conclusion section should include more detailed suggestions for future research. Discuss specific areas where further investigation is needed, based on the gaps identified in your study.

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2. Revised

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