

# Predicting Marital Satisfaction Based on Emotion Regulation Strategies and Emotional Orientation Towards Sexual Relation in Married Women

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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The introduction mentions "Salimi et al. (2019)" and "Shokri et al. (2021)" as references to the importance of marital satisfaction. It would strengthen the introduction if you include more context about how these sources specifically relate to the study, providing key points from their findings to create a smoother narrative.

You mention "De France & Hollenstein (2017)" when discussing emotion regulation. However, it might be beneficial to provide more background on the methodologies used in their study to enhance the comparison and link to your work.

Consider adding a section discussing gaps in the literature on the relationship between emotion regulation and marital satisfaction in Iranian populations. This would better justify the importance of the present study.

The use of convenience sampling might limit the generalizability of your findings. Please acknowledge this limitation in the discussion and suggest strategies for addressing this in future studies.

The inclusion and exclusion criteria are clear; however, the study would benefit from a brief explanation of how participants were approached for data collection to clarify if there was any potential bias in respondent selection.

The presentation of mean and standard deviation is clear. However, providing effect sizes for your findings (e.g., Cohen's  $d$  or  $r^2$  values) would make the results more interpretable for readers.

In Table 2, you mention F-values but do not provide details about the overall fit of the model (e.g.,  $R^2$ ). Including this would strengthen the understanding of how much variance in marital satisfaction is explained by the predictors.

The interpretation of beta coefficients (Table 3) is useful. However, the explanation of suppression and reappraisal's effect on marital satisfaction could be enriched by discussing possible mediating or moderating variables that might affect these relationships.

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### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In the sentence "Research shows that difficulties in emotion regulation among couples can lead to reduced intimacy," the sources cited (e.g., Frye et al., 2020) are useful but could benefit from a clearer explanation of the sample populations they used, particularly regarding cultural differences.

You mention using the Marital Satisfaction Questionnaire by Hudson (1992). It would be valuable to explain whether this tool has been validated for the Iranian context or provide references to studies that did so.

The reliability of the Emotional Orientation Towards Sexual Relation Questionnaire (Abadian & Hassanzadeh, 2017) was only mentioned briefly. Providing more detailed psychometric properties would enhance the transparency of the methods section.

The discussion does well in comparing the findings to previous research. However, when discussing Frye (2020) and Damankeshan (2019), it might help to explain the differences or similarities in cultural settings between these studies and the present research.

The explanation of sexual desire and its relationship with marital satisfaction is strong. However, it would be useful to introduce theoretical frameworks or models that explain why this relationship exists (e.g., attachment theory or sexual satisfaction models).

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## 2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

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