

The Impact of Environmental Factors on Hope for Life in Divorced Women with a Structural Equation Modeling Approach

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The statement "Marriage is generally recognized as a relatively stable relationship..." should be clarified. Is this based on recent data or a particular sociocultural context? The article could benefit from discussing the growing global variability in marriage stability.

The use of convenience sampling needs further justification. What steps were taken to reduce the potential bias inherent in this method? Consider expanding the limitations section to acknowledge these challenges.

The description of the researcher-made questionnaire lacks detail on how the constructs (family support, social support, etc.) were operationalized. Please provide specific examples of the items used and how they align with established scales.

In the "Measures" section, composite reliability and Cronbach's alpha are reported as greater than 0.7. However, it would be useful to explain why both measures were used and whether any differences were found between them.

The choice of Smart PLS4 software for data analysis is appropriate, but the advantages of using this over alternative SEM tools (like AMOS) could be briefly discussed to strengthen the methodological justification.

While the SRMR and GOF indices confirm model fit, adding comparative fit indices (CFI, TLI) would strengthen the rigor of the model evaluation. Consider running these additional fit tests.

The strong impact of family support on hope for life is a key finding. However, the cultural specificity of family dynamics in Zanjan, Iran, should be highlighted. Is this result generalizable to other settings, or is it context-dependent?

The limitation that "the study was conducted exclusively in Zanjan, Iran" should explore how cultural, geographic, and socio-economic factors unique to this region may have influenced the findings.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The claim that "nearly two-thirds of first marriages end in separation or divorce" (Yu et al., 2020) seems exaggerated for global application. Please specify the region or provide a broader context for this statistic.

The discussion on "hopelessness" in relation to divorce needs more theoretical grounding. While Snyder's theory is mentioned, please explain how hopelessness is operationalized in the study and ensure that the concept is linked more clearly to the research questions.

The role of government support is discussed as less influential. The article could benefit from elaborating on this point—what factors may have limited the impact of governmental support? Could the specific types of governmental assistance (financial, legal, etc.) be influencing this outcome?

The lack of significant effect of media education is intriguing, but the discussion is sparse. Were there any specific subcategories of media education (e.g., traditional vs. digital media) considered that might help explain this?

In discussing the economic effects of divorce, the statement "women face greater challenges than men after divorce" requires further elaboration. This would be stronger if supported by specific economic data or studies that quantify the economic burden on divorced women in Iran or similar settings.

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