

Examining the Role of Women's Interpersonal Facilitators in Spousal Addiction: A Qualitative Study




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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

"The introduction begins with a broad statement regarding the importance of human resources for national development, but it would be clearer to connect this statement more directly to the central theme of the study. Consider refining the transition between the general statement on workforce development and the focus on addiction as a social problem."

"While the introduction outlines the social consequences of addiction, including economic losses and fatalities, it could benefit from a more explicit explanation of how these issues specifically relate to the marital context. Clarifying the connection between societal consequences and spousal relationships would strengthen the argument."

"The description of the qualitative design is generally clear, but the justification for choosing interpretative phenomenology would benefit from further elaboration. Why was this approach specifically chosen over other qualitative methods, and how does it align with the research objectives? A more detailed rationale would strengthen the methodology section."

"The inclusion criteria are clearly outlined, but the exclusion criteria could be expanded. For example, what specific mental health conditions were considered disqualifying? A more detailed explanation of the exclusion criteria would help readers better understand the sample selection process."

"The analysis of interview data using the interpretative phenomenological analysis (IPA) method is a sound choice. However, it would be beneficial to explain how the data was coded. Was a specific coding framework or software (such as NVivo) used to facilitate this process? Providing this detail would enhance the methodological rigor."

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

"You mention that addiction significantly impacts the health of married men and their spouses, but this idea could be expanded by elaborating on the specific mechanisms through which addiction affects marital dynamics. Adding a brief discussion of these mechanisms would enhance the theoretical depth of your argument."

"In discussing the 'learned helplessness' experienced by spouses, it would be helpful to define this concept more clearly for readers who may not be familiar with it. Providing a brief explanation or citation would clarify its relevance to the study."

"The discussion of dysfunctional relational beliefs in the context of addiction and marital satisfaction is valuable, but the connection between these beliefs and substance abuse could be explored more explicitly. Consider adding a sentence or two explaining how these beliefs lead to the escalation of addiction or hinder recovery."

"The idea that 'women's behaviors and performance can significantly and inversely predict men's tendencies or relapse into substance use' is intriguing but requires more substantiation. Could you provide more specific examples or studies that support this claim? This would enhance the empirical grounding of your argument."

"It would be helpful to clarify how the interview protocol was developed. Were any pilot interviews conducted to test the questions, and if so, how were they refined? This additional information would enhance the transparency of the data collection process."

"While the sample size of 26 participants is mentioned, more information about the demographic diversity of the sample would be useful. For instance, what are the specific age ranges and educational backgrounds of the participants? Providing this information would help contextualize the findings and demonstrate the richness of the sample."

"You mention that the analysis involved 'deductive and inductive reasoning,' but further clarification is needed on how these two approaches were integrated during the coding process. Were certain themes pre-determined based on literature, or were they emergent from the data? Elaborating on this process would improve the transparency of your analysis."

"Table 1 presents a comprehensive overview of the themes and subthemes identified in the analysis. However, the connection between the subthemes and the final meaning units could be clearer. Consider providing more specific examples from the interviews to illustrate how each subtheme was derived."

"The identification of 'multidimensional interpersonal facilitators' as the main theme is well-supported, but it would be beneficial to elaborate on how these facilitators interact with one another. Do these factors influence each other, or are they independent of each other? Providing a more nuanced discussion of their interrelationships would enrich the findings."

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2. Revised

Editor's decision: Accepted.

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