

Examining the Mediating Role of Marital Commitment and Marital Quality of Life in the Relationship Between Marital Intimacy and Divorce Tendency Among Married Women in Shiraz

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

This opening paragraph could be strengthened by citing global and Iranian divorce rate trends to contextualize the urgency of the research problem more clearly.

The definition of marital intimacy is thorough, but the paragraph should clarify whether intimacy is being operationalized in this study strictly as emotional closeness or also includes physical/sexual intimacy, as the measurement tool may emphasize specific dimensions.

This section describes a “positive psychotherapy intervention” that appears unrelated to the stated correlational design; the authors should clarify if this is residual text from another study or explain its relevance, as it introduces methodological confusion.

The justification for normality uses ± 2 thresholds; the authors should clarify whether SEM with SmartPLS required normality, given its PLS-SEM robustness to non-normal data.

While HTMT values are acceptable, the manuscript should provide threshold rationale (e.g., <0.85 vs <0.90) and reference the source, as standards vary among methodologists.

This sentence appears to report unrelated intervention outcomes (stress, health anxiety, hope), which do not align with the stated variables; this should be removed or clarified.

The text interprets Q^2 values as indicative of “good fit” but should distinguish between predictive relevance and overall model fit, and discuss their magnitude relative to recommended benchmarks.

The discussion could be enriched by integrating recent Iranian sociological or policy research to substantiate claims about evolving marital attitudes.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

This section mentions “cultural and societal factors” but does not elaborate on how these are particularly salient in the Iranian context; adding examples of local norms or religious considerations could enhance cultural grounding.

While moderators are discussed, the introduction does not clearly justify why moderators are excluded from the present study’s model; a brief rationale would help delineate scope.

The final aim statement could explicitly mention the use of dual mediation analysis, which would highlight the study’s novelty and methodological focus.

The rationale for sample size determination is insufficient; a power analysis or reference to SEM sample size guidelines should be provided to justify the choice of $N=250$.

The description lists reliability from prior studies but omits factor structure validation for the current sample; readers would benefit from knowing if dimensionality was confirmed here.

This indirect effect magnitude appears unusually large; the authors should verify calculation accuracy and discuss possible suppression or scaling effects.

The discussion repeats literature without integrating the present study’s specific effect sizes; direct comparison of the magnitude of effects with past research would add depth.

The narrative implies causality; given the cross-sectional design, the authors should temper causal language and frame findings in terms of associations.

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