




Examining the Mediating Role of Parental Bonding in the Relationship Between Early Maladaptive Schemas and Marital Quality in Women

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

Introduction, Paragraph 4: The term "systemic theory approach" is used without prior explanation. Define this term when it is first introduced to aid reader comprehension.

Methodology, Sample Description: The sample description mentions "250 women were selected using the convenience sampling method." Discuss potential biases introduced by convenience sampling and how they might affect the generalizability of the findings.

Measures, Parental Bonding: The statement "High scores on the care scale indicate warm empathetic parenting" is vague. Specify the range of scores and what constitutes a "high" score.

Data Analysis, Paragraph 1: The phrase "Data analysis was conducted using structural equation modeling with SPSS version 26 and AMOS version 24" should be expanded to include the specific models and fit indices used.

Results, Descriptive Statistics: The descriptive statistics in Table 1 are comprehensive, but the narrative should highlight key findings and significant correlations to guide the reader.

Discussion, Paragraph 1: The discussion on the relationship between early maladaptive schemas and marital quality should integrate more recent literature to contextualize the findings better.

Discussion, Theoretical Implications: The discussion on Freud's deferred action theory (Yakou et al. 2022) should be expanded to explain its relevance to the current study more thoroughly.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

Introduction, Paragraph 1: The sentence "In addition to sexual desires which are primary issues factors such as love economic security protection emotional security a sense of peace and escaping loneliness also drive people towards marriage (Yu & Zhu 2022)" lacks proper punctuation. Consider revising for clarity.

Introduction, Paragraph 3: The statement "Research shows that there is a relationship between marital quality and early maladaptive schemas (Koruk & Ozabaci 2023)" could be strengthened by providing specific details about the nature and direction of the relationship.

Measures, Early Maladaptive Schema: The sentence "The Cronbach's alpha for the entire test in Besharat et al.'s (2018) study was 0.96" would benefit from including the alpha values for this study, providing a direct comparison.

Measures, Marital Quality: The paragraph lacks a clear explanation of how marital quality is operationalized in the study. Include a definition or description of the construct to improve clarity.

Results, Correlation Matrix: The correlation matrix shows significant correlations among variables, but the text should provide a detailed interpretation of these correlations and their implications.

Results, Table 2: The statement "Given the significance level of less than 0.01 these values are significant" is repetitive and could be streamlined to enhance readability.

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Editor's decision: Accepted.

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