



The Mediating Role of Psychological Well-being in Explaining the Effect of a Health-Promoting Lifestyle on Death Anxiety in Seniors with COVID-19 Experience

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1. Round 1

1.1 Reviewer 1

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Reviewer:

Revise the introduction to provide a more explicit linkage between the broader impacts of COVID-19 on seniors and the specific psychological outcomes examined in this study. Clarify how this research builds upon or diverges from existing studies in this domain.

Incorporate more recent studies to strengthen the literature review, especially focusing on studies conducted during or post-COVID-19, as these may offer more relevant insights into the psychological impacts on seniors.

Provide a more detailed description of the sampling procedure. Mention how the participants were approached and any exclusion criteria to enhance the replicability of the study.

Consider conducting sensitivity analysis to test the robustness of your findings. This could involve checking how the results might change when using different model specifications or assumptions.

Justify the choice of scales used for measuring death anxiety and psychological well-being, especially in the context of cultural relevance and the specific age group studied.

Extend the discussion to compare your findings with international data, considering different cultural contexts might influence psychological outcomes differently.

Strengthen the section on limitations by discussing potential biases and confounders that could affect the outcomes. Suggest specific future research directions that could address these limitations.

Authors revised the manuscript and uploaded the updated document.

1.2 Reviewer 2

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Reviewer:

Clarify the theoretical underpinnings that guide the relationships among health-promoting lifestyle, psychological well-being, and death anxiety. Include a conceptual model diagram to aid in visual comprehension of the hypothesized relationships.

Elaborate on the methodological setup for data collection, including the settings and conditions under which data were collected to assess the impact of environmental factors on participant responses.

Explore the use of alternative analytical techniques, such as mediation analysis with bootstrapping, to provide a more robust test of the indirect effects in the model.

Expand on the ethical considerations, particularly how participants were debriefed post-study, especially considering the sensitive nature of death anxiety as a topic.

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2. Revised

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