




The Structural Model of Marital Conflicts Based on Gender Stereotypes and Emotional Needs with the Mediation of Coping Styles




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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The authors state, "Conflict, as one of the main challenges in couples' relationships, refers to disagreement, incompatibility, and discord arising from divergent interests, differing goals, and varying perceptions." Consider providing empirical evidence or references to support this definition.

The use of a purposive sampling technique is mentioned. It would be helpful to justify this choice in more detail and discuss how it might influence the generalizability of the findings.

The text mentions using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for normality. Consider providing the test values and explaining how they informed the choice of analysis methods.

Explain the rationale for choosing PLS software over other SEM software, such as AMOS or LISREL, particularly in the context of the study's objectives.

The authors present skewness and kurtosis values. Discuss how these values influence the interpretation of the data and the subsequent analysis.

The section would benefit from a more detailed exploration of why emotional needs did not have a direct effect but mediated effects through coping strategies.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The claim that "Conflict in marital life can undermine the foundation of the family and lay the groundwork for divorce and separation" needs additional references from recent studies to strengthen the argument.

The statement about "Basic emotional needs requiring mental health in individuals" is underdeveloped. Please clarify how mental health interacts with basic emotional needs in the context of marital conflicts.

The discussion on gender stereotypes (e.g., Paragraph 9) would benefit from a more comprehensive examination of contemporary research on gender roles and cultural evolution. This would provide a more balanced perspective.

When describing the Marital Conflict Questionnaire (MCQ), the text should clarify why specific subscales were included and how they are relevant to the research model.

The significance of certain correlations is mentioned (e.g., "Femininity and masculinity gender roles did not have significant direct effects"). Explain why these results are theoretically or practically important.

The visual representation is useful, but adding a brief description of key relationships illustrated in the figure would aid readers in interpretation.

The authors discuss gender stereotypes stabilizing roles in marital relationships. Consider including a counterargument or discussing exceptions to this perspective.

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2. Revised

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