




Perceived Injustice and Low Resilience as Predictors of Passive Coping in Trauma Survivors

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence “Passive coping—characterized by avoidance, withdrawal, and emotional disengagement...” would benefit from a more detailed operational definition of passive coping, especially distinguishing it from general disengagement coping to clarify the study's conceptual framework.

The sentence “Sociocultural factors...can shape how individuals interpret trauma” needs elaboration. What specific cultural norms in Ecuador are most relevant to injustice perception and coping?

The claim that “Recent research also supports the relevance of perceived injustice and resilience...” would be stronger with examples beyond chronic pain and COVID-19 contexts, or by clarifying the generalizability of those findings to trauma more broadly.

The authors cite Ecuador’s cultural context. However, the connection to study results is mostly speculative. Consider integrating direct cultural metrics or previous research on Ecuadorian trauma survivors to support this.

Authors revised and uploaded the document.

1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

In “Perceived injustice...has gained increasing attention in trauma and pain literature,” please specify which populations or trauma types have been most studied. This would help contextualize the current study’s focus.

The authors state that “resilience...has been identified as a protective factor...” but do not clarify whether this refers to trait or state resilience. Please distinguish and justify the conceptualization used.

The authors mention “implying that those perceiving higher injustice tend to report lower resilience”—this is correlational and should be reframed to avoid implying causation.

The authors claim “these cognitive-emotional appraisals disrupt adaptive processing...”—this would be strengthened by including neurobiological or psychophysiological correlates of injustice-related rumination if available.

The authors state “resilience may counteract this tendency...”—please expand on potential mechanisms (e.g., cognitive reappraisal, self-efficacy) supported in the literature that explain how resilience mitigates passive coping.

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2. Revised

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