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## 1. Round 1

### 1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The authors state "emotionally inexpressive adolescents may find it challenging to elicit empathy...". Please consider clarifying whether this refers to trait emotional inexpressivity or situational inhibition, as both have different intervention implications.

While the paragraph establishes social support's importance well, it lacks nuance in discussing the three dimensions of the MSPSS (family, friends, significant others). Consider briefly explaining which dimension is most predictive based on previous literature.

The claim "inability to express emotions... can result in reduced peer acceptance" is valid. Still, it could be strengthened by referencing experimental or longitudinal studies to support causality.

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### 1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The phrase “creates a feedback loop...” is insightful but would be stronger if supported with a longitudinal study that empirically confirms this bidirectional relationship.

The rationale for selecting Iraq as the study context is underdeveloped. Please elaborate on the sociocultural factors specific to Iraqi adolescents that justify the contextual focus.

It would be beneficial to add minimum and maximum scores to better contextualize the means reported for each variable.

Although the correlation table is helpful, it would be useful to note in the text whether multicollinearity concerns exist due to the moderately high correlation between the two predictors ( $r = -.42$ ).

The regression coefficients are informative. However, the potential presence of interaction effects between the two predictors is not tested. This could provide added value to the model.

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## 2. Revised

Editor’s decision after revisions: Accepted.

Editor in Chief’s decision: Accepted.