




Internalized Stigma and Fear of Evaluation as Predictors of Social Withdrawal in Women with Mental Health Conditions

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The sentence “Internalized stigma... is a potent barrier to recovery” could be strengthened by integrating more recent theoretical models on self-stigma (e.g., Corrigan’s progressive model) to ground the discussion within a structured conceptual framework.

The claim “all relevant statistical assumptions... were tested and confirmed” should be supported by reporting normality metrics (e.g., skewness and kurtosis), not only a Shapiro-Wilk p-value.

The sentence “Visual inspection of the scatterplots indicated linear relationships...” lacks quantitative evidence. Consider adding visual plots in an appendix or referencing specific figures.

Please clarify whether the residuals were normally distributed in your regression analysis. This is critical to validating the F-statistic reported.

The sentence “The study’s sample of Turkish women reflects a broader sociocultural dynamic...” is a strong cultural insight, but you could improve it by including gender role indexes or Hofstede’s cultural dimensions to quantify these cultural references.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The phrase “fear of evaluation reflects a hyperawareness of social scrutiny” would benefit from a clearer distinction between fear of negative evaluation and social anxiety. These constructs, while overlapping, are not interchangeable.

The statement “these psychological dynamics are particularly salient among women navigating role conflicts” should be supported with specific theoretical perspectives such as role strain theory or feminist psychology frameworks to provide depth.

It’s not clear which version of the Fear of Negative Evaluation Scale was ultimately used (full or BFNE). The sentence “The full version contains 30 true-false items...” creates confusion. Please specify the exact version used.

The phrase “The regression results further highlight...” should be supported with effect size interpretation. A beta coefficient of .48 is large; interpret this within a meaningful psychological or clinical context.

The sentence “These compounded fears act as both a cognitive filter and behavioral inhibitor...” is insightful but lacks empirical citation. Consider referencing work on cognitive models of social anxiety.

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2. Revised

Editor’s decision: Accepted.

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