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The Effectiveness of Hypnotherapy and Schema Therapy in Improving Emotional Control in People Affected by Marital Infidelity

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AUTHORS' RESPONSE TO REVIEWERS

Authors' reply to reviewers

The next pages contain the authors' point-by-point reply to the comments of this revision round, as submitted with the revised manuscript. It is published as the authors wrote it.

Dear Editor,

First of all, thank you for your suggestions and your effort and time in reviewing our article. We have followed each and every one of their recommendations, which improve our article.

We detail the changes below:

Reviewer 1:

In this manuscript, the author(s) aimed to investigate the effects of hypnotherapy and schema therapy in improving emotional control in people affected by marital infidelity. Overall, the subject of the manuscript is significant, but some of the mentioned obstacles should be considered before publishing the manuscript.

• Present descriptive results related to emotional control in the results section of the abstract.

- Descriptive results related to emotional control were presented in the abstract results section.

• Explain the intervention programs in the method section of the abstract.

- The intervention programs were explained in the method section of the abstract.

• Describe the study gap and innovation of the present study in the introduction section.

- The study gap and the innovation of the current research were described in the last part of the introduction.

• In the method section, explain how you reached the adequacy of the sample size.

- The sample size selection criterion was described in the method section.

• Mention ethical considerations in the method section.

- Ethical considerations were mentioned in the method section.

• How was the emotional control questionnaire scored? What was the range of scores for each subscale? What was the minimum and maximum score of the questionnaire?

- Regarding the scoring of the research questionnaire, more details were added to the tool section.

• Revise the data analysis section (analysis of covariance).

- Done.

• This sentence is not clear in the results section: Non-significant Levene's test for emotional control and its four components confirmed the assumption of homogeneity of variance.

- This sentence was corrected.

• It was reported in the discussion section: “This is consistent with the findings of Rostami et al. (31).” Please mention the results.

- Done.

• In the discussion section, some sentences have no references. Please add references to the text.

- Done.

Reviewer 2:

This study with the Title: Comparison of the effectiveness of hypnotherapy and schema therapy in improving emotional control in people affected by marital infidelity is interesting in the family therapy field but needs some revisions before publication. the authors should get this form and organize the manuscript based on it.

1. Please check your Keywords with the Mesh database. It seems that the keywords need some revisions

- The keywords were rewritten according to the MESH.

2. Please explain more about the novelty of your article in the introduction and discussion.

- The innovation of the current research were described in the last part of the introduction

3. What was your sample size formula? What are your inclusion and exclusion criteria? please mention exactly

- The sample size selection criterion was described in the method section. The inclusion and exclusion criteria of the research were presented in the method section.

4. The reliability and validity of the measurement tools were unknown

- The reliability of the research questionnaire was presented along with the reference in the method section.

5. Please mention the limitation and strong points of your study. Is there any novelty in your study? Please describe it in the discussion.

- The limitations of the present study were presented in the discussion section. The strengths and practical suggestions of the current research were presented in the conclusion section.

Reviewer 3:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this manuscript. More details are needed for readers to understand the intervention and study fully. I provide areas below where I think more information is needed to improve clarity.

Abstract:

Considering the lack of difference between the two intervention programs; Please correct the title of the article as follows: “The Effectiveness of Hypnotherapy and Schema Therapy in Improving Emotional Control in People Affected by Marital Infidelity”

- The title of the article was corrected.

Please write the research tools in the abstract section.

- Done.

Introduction:

It was necessary to emphasize the importance of the topic by mentioning several related studies

- References about past studies were mentioned in the introduction section.

The necessity of doing the work is not mentioned.

- The study gap and the innovation of the current research were described in the last part of the introduction

Methods:

On what basis is the sample size written?

- The sample size selection criterion was described in the method section

When was the follow-up period implemented?

- The follow-up was three months after the last intervention session.

Where and by whom were the training sessions conducted, was it a group or individual training?

- Intervention sessions were conducted in groups by the first author at Mehr-e-Taban Counseling.

Results:

In the results, no explanation is provided for Table 3.

- Details added to results section.

It is not necessary to mention the following sentence in the results: (Or it is better to present this sentence in the method section.) “Therefore, ANCOVA was used in this study as the required assumptions were met.”

- This paragraph has been corrected.

Discussion:

In the first paragraph of the discussion, the names of the articles and the authors of the articles that state that the results of the study are consistent with their results should be mentioned and it should be stated in what way it is different and why in the opinion of the researchers themselves?

- Done

In general, in the discussion and the whole article, no traces of similar articles and comparing the results of the study with them were found.

- In the discussion section, the results consistent with the present study were mentioned.

The article has been resubmitted to your journal. We look forward to your positive response.

Best regards

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