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Effectiveness of Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples in Improving Emotion Regulation and Relationship Distress of Emotionally Divorced Couples

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1 Original submission

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Referee 1 Reviewer

MINOR REVISION 10 Nov 2023

Dear Author/s,
The topic was interesting; however, there are some points to be considered.
1. There are some typographical/structural mistakes. They should be corrected and/or modified. Please find the attached file.

2. The discussion section has been poorly developed. It is more like a literature review/introduction section of a study. Few or no comparisons with the literature presented have been made.

3. Throughout the manuscript, you stated that " hence, the EFT for couples effectively improved emotion regulation and relationship distress in emotionally divorced couples". What do you mean by 'effectively'? How large is the effect? Can you define a tangible measure/grade rather than using such adjectives?

Associate Editor

MAJOR REVISION 21 Nov 2023

Dear EIC,
The manuscript has been reviewed, and there are some comments that should be addressed by the author. Based on these comments, the document needs major revision.
Kind Regards

Editor-in-Chief

MAJOR REVISION 21 Nov 2023

Dear Author,
Your article has been reviewed carefully by the reviewer. According to their comments, this document needs major revision. Please follow their comments as requested.
Thanks

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Revision 1

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:

- We revised the manuscript carefully to avoid language errors. In addition, we asked several colleagues who are skilled authors to check the English. We believe that the language is now acceptable for the reviewer.
- The research method was written in the abstract section.
- In the abstract, as a conclusion, practical suggestions resulting from the findings were presented.
- In the last paragraph of the introduction, the importance and necessity of the research was mentioned.
- Inclusion and exclusion criteria were mentioned in the method section.
- Aligned studies were mentioned in the discussion section.
- In the abstract and results section, the findings were reported numerically.
- The limitations of the research were presented more fully in the article.

Regards

2 Revision 1

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Associate Editor

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Editor-in-Chief

ACCEPT 20 Dec 2023

Dear Author,
Your article has been reviewed carefully by the reviewer. The manuscript is accepted.