

LETTER OF REVIEWERS

Reviewer A:

Recommendation: Revisions Required

Relevance: Moderated

Novelty: Moderated

Presentation and writing: High

Comments for authors:

Abstract

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Introduction

2. The introduction provides an adequate theoretical review and offers a historical context for the Inventory of Family Integration (IFI). However, the density of references could be improved by presenting them in a table or visualization.

Methods

3. Although the study is described as theoretical, it should be explicitly stated that this is a theoretical review and does not involve a systematic evidence search. This should also be noted as a limitation.

Results

4. The results are organized chronologically, which is helpful for understanding the instrument's evolution. However, it would be relevant to include a summary table synthesizing key psychometric properties (e.g., internal consistency, convergent validity) from each study. Here is an example that could help: <https://www.ncbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Timeline-Visual.png>

Discussion

5. The discussion acknowledges the utility of the IFI and its current limitations. However, it would be beneficial to compare the impact of the IIF with other instruments, such as the FACES-IV and SCORE-15, which were developed in other countries.

6. It would also be useful to include an explicit section on the impact the instrument has had on clinical practice or research to date. For example, it is unclear whether clinical practice guidelines for family therapy exist in Peru and whether the IFI is included in these guidelines.

Conflict of Interest

7. If the article's author is also the instrument's author, it is recommended to declare this in the conflict-of-interest section.

RESPONSE LETTER

REVIEWER: Abstract

1. It is suggested that the abstract use MeSH terms for the English version and DeCS terms for the Spanish version. MeSH doesn't have family terms

Unfortunately, MeSH only has psychometrics as term. It doesn't have terms related to family, so we can't use it. In the case of DeCS, we are using most of its terms with the exception of family integration which is specific and necessary for this research.

REVIEWER: Introduction

2. The introduction provides an adequate theoretical review and offers a historical context for the Inventory of Family Integration (IFI). However, the density of references could be improved by presenting them in a table or visualization.

In this case, the references are heterogeneous for that reason wasn't possible to put it in a table.

REVIEWER: Methods

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We specified that information in page 3 paragraph 2 (final part). "It is important to mention this theoretical review shows how the IFI was created and validated along the last ten years."

REVIEWER: Results

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We added Figure 1 which synthesized the psychometric properties of IFI along the last 10 years (page 9).

REVIEWER: Discussion

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We added that kind of information in the last part of third paragraph in page 11

6. It would also be useful to include an explicit section on the impact the instrument has had on clinical practice or research to date. For example, it is unclear whether clinical practice guidelines for family therapy exist in Peru and whether the IFI is included in these guidelines.

Unfortunately, Peru doesn't have clinical practice guidelines for family therapy.

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We added the following information: Conflict of Interest: The authors of this research are also authors of the Inventory of Family Integration (IFI).