

Sep 28, 2007

RE: NRES-D-07-00098R1, entitled "The Identity Impairment Model: A Longitudinal Study of Self-Schemas as Predictors of Disordered Eating Behaviors"

Dear Dr. Stein,

Recently you sent your revised manuscript for consideration by Nursing Research.

Currently, your manuscript exceeds the page length for articles in Nursing Research, which requires some shortening and tightening. In addition some changes in the organization of your manuscript are required to conform to the organizational style of Nursing Research and Publication Manual of the APA.

The abstract should include information in the analysis plan under methods.

Relocate the second paragraph within the Background section. The reader needs more information about self-schemas and eating disorders before being introduced to the study that immediately preceded the one you are reporting in this manuscript.

The third paragraph should be omitted because it gives the purpose of the study, which is redundant with the paragraph preceding Methods, which is the correct placement for this material.

There is lack of clarity in the definition of interrelatedness and especially how it is measured. Please clarify the definition and be specific about how it was measured.

In the paragraph before Methods, remove content related to earlier findings and simply state the overall purpose of the research and the hypotheses that were tested. I do not think that this study meets the definition of a replication, which is stated in the Results. If it is a replication, this should be stated at the beginning of the manuscript. Move the information on design to the appropriate section. Begin the Methods section with Design and Procedure.

Fully describe the setting in which the data was collected. Specifically, the measurement of latency response time would be affected by distractions or the computer/participant interface. Please provide a more complete description of how the data was collected under design and procedures.

As written the instrument section is problematic because you include background literature with the description of the instruments. Place only literature in the instrument section that describes the instruments and their psychometrics. In addition, you include results in this section and they should be moved to the Results section. It would enhance the readability of the report if you presented each instrument under a subheading. If variables in the analysis draw from more than one instrument please prepare a table that contains columns for variables, definitions, measures (instruments) and psychometrics. Please provide information on the reliability and validity of the Eating Disorder

Inventory.

I am concerned that you do not present all of the instruments with which you collected data. This report is not complete until the reader is able to understand what was asked of the participant and is able to assess the burden of participation. Please provide additional information. One potential concern is that of duplicate publication. If you are preparing another manuscript from the data set collected for this study it is likely that you will need to self-cite throughout the methods, which may lead to duplicate publication. I would like to work with you to prevent this problem.

In the Results there should be a correspondence between the hypotheses you stated in the paragraph before Methods and the sub-heading in the Results. The presentation on Fat Self-Schema is too long. When you set up the earlier sections clearly, you will be able to remove the explanations and simply report the results. Comparisons with results from other studies are included in this section and they should be placed in the Discussion section.

After you move discussion that you now have in earlier sections of the report to the Discussion section, please edit the Discussion section to be no more than 4 pages. Currently this section contains some redundant material and material that goes beyond the results of your study. Please edit carefully to conform to the recommendation for the discussion section in the Publication Manual of the APA.

Please include with your revised submission an itemized, point-by-point response to the above comments. For your convenience (and ours), a copyedited version of your manuscript will be e-mailed to you shortly for your use.