

# Review of: "Psychometric of the interpersonal communication skills scale: A confirmatory factor analysis"

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**Dear authors,**

**This is an interesting article but requires further attention to some issues where changes are highly recommended which are:**

**Introduction:**

- The contribution of the paper to other contexts should be highlighted, other than the Iranian context where the data have been collected.
- How outcomes of the EFA scales are expected to differ from those of the CFA, this should be also clearly highlighted.
- Data collected for the research are bit old & during COVID-19, where ICS need at that period might differ at the current /other situation, thus may requires updates.
- Expected practical and theoretical contributions should be clearly stated and separated from each other.

**Study design:**

- It's very brief and requires further elaboration.

**Study population"**

- Need to control for several contextual factors (e.g., staff of urban versus rural center, years of experiences, age, gender differences,,etc)
- Several claims were made in different areas of the manuscript that require proper support from the literature (references)

**Results section:**

- Please show items that didn't load well, and what are the possible reasons for such insignificant loading.
- Please justify why IPMA was conducted in PLS0SEM 7whyPLS.SEM?

**Discussion Section;**

- Cultural differences were not examined or controlled for, which is expected to be a major contribution of the paper. This should be considered.
- Most of the discussion is not directly related to findings from the data analysis, this should be modified to ensure proper alignment between these.
- Theoretical and practical contributions should be clearly highlighted and separated
- References should be updated.

Wishing you all the best