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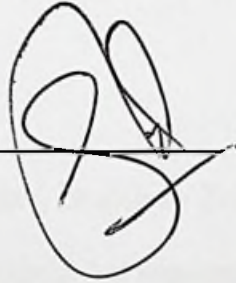
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ABSTRACT

The aim of this research was to investigate the effect of religious coping strategy as a correlate of marital satisfaction in women of low income group. This survey based research shed some light on how religious coping strategy can play an important role in marital satisfaction. It was hypothesized that positive religious coping will be positively related to marital satisfaction and negative religious coping will be inversely related to marital satisfaction in women in a low income group. The participants in this research were women of Karachi belonging to the low income group who have been married for atleast five years. A total of 105 participants were selected for present study, and 25 females were selected from a psychiatric hospital while other 80 women were approached in a village of Karachi by applying method of convenient sampling. Kansas Marital satisfaction scale (Schumm, Nichols, Schectman, and Grigsby, 1983) was used to investigate the level of satisfaction amongst the participants while their religious coping level was assessed through the B-RCOPE scale by Khan and Watson, 2006. Pearson correlation coefficient was used analysis data by implementing SPSS for performing better statistics. Results suggested a positive relationship in positive religious coping and marital satisfaction, while there was no inverse relationship found in negative religious coping and marital satisfaction.