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Title: Consequences of Child Emotional Abuse, Emotional Neglect and Exposure to Intimate Partner Violence for Eating Disorders: A Systematic Critical Review

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Professor Phillipa Hay
Associate Editor, BMC Psychology


Dear Professor Hay,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a second revision of our manuscript to BMC Psychology for publication. We appreciate the time that you and the reviewer spent on reviewing the entirety of our manuscript. We have revised the manuscript based on the suggestions and concerns that were highlighted. These revisions and our responses to reviewer comments are outlined in more detail below.
EDITOR

Comment 1: Based on these reports, and my own assessment as Editor, I am pleased to inform you that it is potentially acceptable for publication in BMC Psychology, once you have carried out some essential revisions suggested by our reviewers. Note, you may choose to use the term White or Caucasian.

Dr. Hay, thank you for clarifying that we may use the term White or Caucasian. We have chosen to use the term, White.

REVIEWER #2 (Michael Musker)

Comment 1: Just a couple of minor edits: An error in the abstract - using the word Screed instead of screened - line 41 page 2

Comment 2: I was wondering about the use of the word 'White' rather than Caucasian. I am unsure of the practice with this term for race and what the practice of the journal is? Line 51 page 2 and line 46 page 22 - should it have a capital W mid-sentence?

After a discussion amongst our team and with guidance from the Editor, we have decided to use the term ‘White’ throughout the manuscript. In addition, based on feedback from the editor, we have capitalized this term for each instance.

Comment 3: CE IPV is used in line 53 page 9 but is not specifically spelt out as an acronym - even though Childhood exposure to IPV is first used on page 5 (but uses a small E, then later uses a capital E elsewhere?). Nor is it mentioned in the list of abbreviations. It's also written differently in the headings on page 17.

Thank you for noting the inconsistent use of CE-IPV throughout the manuscript. To be consistent, we have utilized child exposure to IPV or children’s exposure to IPV throughout the duration of the manuscript. Given this information, it is not necessary to add CE-IPV to the abbreviations section of the manuscript.

Comment 4: A couple of other typos towards the end:

a.) page 23 line 36 should read 'may be useful'

This has been corrected. The correction falls on page 23, lines 22-23 of the revised manuscript.

b.) page 24 line 31 has 'that that' should read 'that'
This has been corrected. The correction falls on page 24, line 12 of the revised manuscript.

c.) page 25 line 12 should read 'ability to capture'
This has been corrected. The correction falls on page 25, line 5 of the revised manuscript.

d.) page 27 line 9 should read 'and eating'
This has been corrected. The correction falls on page 27, line 3 of the revised manuscript.

Comment 5: Apart from that it was an interesting read.
Thank you for this positive comment. We are pleased that you enjoyed reading our work.

Dr. Hay, thank you very much for inviting this resubmission. We appreciate the time and effort that you and Reviewer 2 have spent on reading and commenting on our work. We look forward to hearing from the journal about the outcome of this resubmission.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of all co-authors