

Reviewer comments-2

The abstract provides a good overview of the topic and the rational for using Pearlin's caregiver stress process model to explore MS. Capitalize the first letter of the Caregiver Stress Process Model.

Introduction

The definition of MS and the symptoms are clear. In paragraph 3, sentence 3, eliminate the duplicate word "family". The definition of the caregiver is clear and easy to follow. In paragraph two, the data from NMS supports the article and it may be helpful to add more data about why women are three times more likely to be diagnosed with MS to address the gender concerns. Is this related to the environment, caregiving roles as a spouse, parent, or genetics, or something else? The theoretical framework and Pearlin's Stress Process Model offers more of an explanation as to why women are diagnosed more than men.

Approximately 70% of caregiving responsibilities are provided by spouses (Benini et al., 2023). This sentence should be moved to the 7th or 8th paragraph to support the discussion about the struggles with marital relationships, and to make a connection for the reader.

The demographics section is strong with relevant information.

The explanation of the stress model provides a good explanation of the background and context and the qualitative statements provides a better understanding of some of the issues that patients experience.

The primary stressors section offers great examples for the reader to gain a better understanding of the many issues that provide a foundation for the stress and related illness.

The summary identifies the areas of weaknesses of the study and the barriers that occurred. I hope this article is the beginning of more research in this area.