

Reviewer 1

article needs a distinct Results section with the specific results organized as topics within the results

the paper would benefit by summarizing the key points of the theory that directly relate to the exploration of data

The purpose should come at the end of the introduction, including a much briefer summary of the theoretical information the author(s) review

The specific theoretical topics need not be introduced as separate headings, and the author(s) can merely begin with a new paragraph mentioning the theory.

Author Response

added Results header on p.7 with results following in paragraphs

see comment below

moved and p.5 shortened the theoretical section of purpose

deleted section "Pearlin's Stress Process Model" with larger paragraphs and focusing shorter statements to analysis frame

Reviewer 2

Capitalize the first letter of the Caregiver Stress Process Model.

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.

done throughout the document/ adopted Pearlin's SPM throughout for consistency in naming.

removed

added statements about cause and role reversal of situation

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.

moved to para 8 / marital relationships para