

Abstract

The current study investigated the relationship between Rejection Sensitivity, Quality of Friendship and Depressive symptoms in adolescent girls of school. It was hypothesized that rejection sensitivity and quality of friendship in adolescent school girls predict depressive symptoms in them. The demographics of the study included age, class, father's and mother's occupation, number of siblings, birth order, monthly income, best friend, family system and type of school. The sample consisted of 400 girls with age range 12-17 years. In order to assess the study variables, Child Rejection Sensitivity Questionnaire – Urdu version (CRSQ), Friendship Qualities Scale- Urdu Version (FQS) and Depressive Symptoms in Adolescent School Girls (DSAG) were administered on participants along with demographic sheet. Correlational research design was used. The findings of the study indicate that high level of rejection sensitivity and poor quality of friendship may cause depressive symptoms in adolescent girls. A highly significant positive relationship is found between age, anxious rejection expectation and depressive symptoms. The results reveal a good quality of friendship in girls who have best friends and a good family income. T- test indicate a significant difference of depressive symptoms in adolescent girls whose mothers are working. Also, depressive symptoms in adolescent girls are not affected by the type of school in which they read. Implications and limitations of study are discussed as well.