

## **Development and Validation of Betrayal Scale for Women**

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The present research was conducted to develop and validate an indigenous self-report measure of intimate partner betrayal for married women. Phenomenology of betrayal was identified by exploring relevant literature and interviews with ten married women. A final list of items was generated after taking experts' opinion. After piloting, the factorial validity of the 83 items scale was determined on a sample of 200 married women (100 housewives and 100 working women). The scale was subjected to principal component analysis using varimax rotation method and 76 items were retained in a four well defined factor structure, which accounted for 60.71% of the total variance. The emerging four factors were labeled as financial betrayal ( $\alpha = .95$ ), emotional betrayal ( $\alpha = .88$ ), health betrayal ( $\alpha = .79$ ), and sexual betrayal ( $\alpha = .87$ ) subscales with an overall high  $\alpha$  of .98. Discriminant validity was also ascertained by obtaining an inverse relationship with Locke and Wallace (1959) Marital Adjustment Test ( $r = -.62$   $p < .01$ ). Hence, Betrayal Scale for Women (BSW) is a psychometrically sound tool with uniformity, internal consistency, and validity.

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