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Navigating the Nexus: Examining Job satisfaction, Sleep quality, and Well-being among Mental Health Professionals

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Abstract: ***The research delves into the reciprocal dynamics between Job satisfaction, sleep quality, and Well-being within the realm of clinical psychologists. Examining a sample of professionals in the field, our study unveils a notable impact of job satisfaction on sleep quality, revealing that higher job satisfaction corresponds to decreased sleep quality. Concurrently, poor sleep quality exhibits a significant adverse effect on overall well-being among clinical psychologists. Further analysis exposes a nuanced relationship, as job satisfaction directly influences well-being and exerts a substantial indirect effect mediated by sleep quality. These findings underscore the intricate connections between occupational satisfaction, sleep quality, and mental well-being in the context of clinical psychologists, offering insights that can inform targeted interventions to enhance their overall mental health and work-life balance.***

Keywords: Clinical psychologist, Job satisfaction, Mediation, sleep quality, Well-being.

I. INTRODUCTION

In the vibrant tapestry of India, where ancient traditions intertwine with contemporary challenges, clinical psychologists play a vital role. They are the empathetic navigators, guiding individuals through the monsoon storms of mental distress, their resilience a beacon amid emotional turbulence. Yet, beneath the stoic facade of their practice, a crucial question remains unanswered: who guides the compass of their well-being? Research indicates that mental health professionals experience higher levels of stress in challenging situations compared to their counterparts in other healthcare fields [Rabin S. et al, (1999); W. Stress Rossler (2012); U Volpe et al., (2014)). Clinical psychologists, particularly those with limited experience, were found to experience elevated levels of stress Rabin S. et al., (1999).

This research embarks on a journey into the uncharted territory of Indian clinical psychologists' inner landscapes, illuminating the intricate dance between job satisfaction, sleep quality, and holistic well-being. Across the nation's diverse tapestry, where an estimated 1 in 5 grapples with mental health burdens, these dedicated professionals stand as pillars of hope. They are the architects of healing, the sculptors of emotional resilience, and the unsung heroes of countless silent victories. However, their well-being, the very source of their strength, often remains veiled in whispers, a hidden melody amidst the orchestra of care they provide.

In the past, healthcare professionals, including nurses, received training and often stayed within a single institution for the duration of their careers. This continuity facilitated the development of enduring relationships with colleagues, patients, and families (Randall & Mckeown, 2013). However, present healthcare dynamics are characterized by fragmented roles, the routine and mechanized nature of practices, job instability, and frequent staff turnover, as healthcare professionals, including nurses, seek opportunities in the open job market. Consequently, this shift has resulted in a certain level of disengagement among healthcare workers from their roles, contributing to the depersonalization of healthcare (Randall & Mckeown, 2013).

The landscape of mental health care is evolving towards greater multidisciplinary collaboration, bringing together professionals with diverse beliefs, values, and practices (Baker & Baker, 1999). Engaging in such collaborations might pose a potential threat of generating or amplifying job dissatisfaction, particularly when collaborative efforts cast uncertainties on an individual's competence or capacity to deliver effective services (G M Acker, 2010). This research transcends the mere pursuit of job satisfaction. We delve deeper, into the multifaceted prism of well-being, encompassing the emotional, physical, and social dimensions that orchestrate a harmonious life for these dedicated professionals

Compose a vibrant score for interventions and support systems tailored to the specific needs of Indian clinical psychologists, acknowledging their cultural context and resource limitations.

Amplify the whispers of their experiences, advocating for systemic changes that prioritize their well-being and dismantle the stigma surrounding mental health professionals.

Contribute to a crescendo of positive change in the mental health landscape, ensuring that the wellspring of those who heal can itself be replenished and flourish.

This research is not merely an academic pursuit; it is a journey of empathy, a quest to understand the silent orchestra of well-being within Indian clinical psychologists. By listening to their melodies, we hope to not only craft a future where their well-being is nurtured but also amplify the impact of their care, ensuring that the helping hand they extend is sustained by a vibrant wellspring within.

A. Job Satisfaction

Job satisfaction is the overall assessment of pleasant emotions that an individual feels regarding their work. (Senter & Morgan, 2010). Indeed, job satisfaction can be viewed as a broad measure reflecting the overall quality of life in a work-related context (Verhaeghe & Bracke, 2012). This perspective underscores why job satisfaction holds significance as a important variable in psychological researches. The complex nature of their work, navigating emotional intricacies and addressing mental health challenges, necessitates a closer look at the factors influencing job satisfaction in clinical psychologists. In a comparative analysis involving 203 psychologists employed across diverse public institutions, it was discovered that psychologists working in correctional facilities and public mental health hospitals reported significantly higher levels of burnout and job dissatisfaction (Senter & Morgan, 2010). In a study in the New York metropolitan area, 57% of participants reported experiencing burnout (Martin & Schinke, 1998). Professionals experiencing dissatisfaction may exert a detrimental impact on their colleagues, thereby harming the overall work environment (M P Salyers et al., 2015). Moreover, they are least interested express empathy or participate in optimistic engagements with clients, which can adversely affect client satisfaction with mental health services (Verhaeghe & Bracke, 2012; M P Salyers et al., 2015; J A Nissly et al., 2001). The consequences of burnout and job dissatisfaction, including absenteeism and staff turnover, extend to the disruption of established therapeutic relationships between professionals and clients (M P Salyers et al., 2015; Webster & Hackett, 1999), ultimately compromising the quality and continuity of service delivery (M P Salyers et al., 2015; Blankertz & Robinson, 1997).

Exploring the nuances of job satisfaction in this profession is essential for designing interventions that address specific stressors, enhance organizational support, and foster professional growth. By investing in research on job satisfaction, we pave the way for a resilient and content clinical psychology workforce, better equipped to provide effective mental health services and navigate the evolving landscape of psychological well-being.

B. Sleep Quality

A cornerstone of overall health remains an underexplored aspect in the professional lives of clinical psychologists. The demanding nature of their work, coupled with exposure to emotionally charged situations, underscores the significance of understanding sleep patterns in this cohort. An analysis of the existing literature suggests that severe insomnia is connected to bodily discomfort, disability, and manifestations of psychological distress ((Leger et al., 2001; Philip et al., 2006; Zammit et al., 1999). Numerous studies have established a link between sleep and behavioral signs of reduced well-being, although fewer have delved into the connection between sleep quality and psychological well-being. Numerous definitions of well-being are succinctly expressed in a comprehensive model, which presents two latent constructs: psychological well-being and subjective well-being (Keyes et al., 2002) There are indications of a connection between sleep and psychological well-being (PWB). A study utilizing polysomnography revealed that certain subscales of PWB were associated with indices of sleep quality (Ryff, Singer, & Love, 2004).

Recent research findings indicate a correlation between sleep duration and different aspects of psychological well-being, based on data collected from a community sample of adult participants (Hamilton, Nelson, Stevens, & Kitzman, 2007).). Research in this area along with satisfaction in job and wellbeing can inform tailored interventions, promote sleep hygiene, and contribute to the development of supportive organizational practices, ultimately fostering a healthier and more resilient clinical psychology workforce ready to meet the challenges of mental health provision.

C. Well-being

Research on psychologists' well-being has predominantly focused on the adverse consequences of caregiving, neglecting the exploration of psychologists' personal growth and satisfaction as they engage in facilitating developmental experiences for their clients.

These unfavorable aspects of caregiving are commonly identified as burnout (Maslach & Jackson, 1982) and compassion fatigue (Figley, 1999) among psychologists in general. For those specifically working with traumatized individuals, terms such as vicarious derangement (McCann & Pearlman, 1990), contact victimization (Courtois, 1988), secondary posttraumatic stress reaction (Dutton & Rubenstein, 1995; Figley, 1995), and secondary traumatic stress (Stamm, 1999) have been used to describe these negative impacts. The nature of their work, dealing with profound human emotions and complex cases, underscores the need to scrutinize the well-being of clinical psychologists. Insights gleaned from such research can inform targeted support systems, mental health interventions, and organizational policies, fostering a work environment that prioritizes the well-being of those dedicated to preserving the mental health of others.

II. RESEARCH QUESTION

Is there any significant relationship between Job satisfaction, Sleep quality, and Well-being?

A. Hypotheses

The study posits a series of hypotheses to comprehensively explore the intricate relationships among job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being. Firstly, H1 anticipates a noteworthy impact of job satisfaction on sleep quality, emphasizing the potential for individuals' content with their work to experience improved sleep patterns. Secondly, H2 posits a dual impact, asserting that both job satisfaction and sleep quality significantly influence overall well-being. This hypothesis underscores the interconnected nature of these factors, suggesting that contentment in one's job and quality of sleep collectively contribute to an individual's overall sense of well-being. Notably, Hypothesis 3 proposes the involvement of sleep quality as a mediator in the connection between job satisfaction and overall well-being. This hypothesis proposes that the influence of job satisfaction on well-being is partially explained by the mediating factor of sleep quality, implying that the impact of job satisfaction on well-being operates, at least in part, through its effects on sleep quality. These hypotheses collectively form a framework for understanding the complex dynamics between job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being, offering insights into potential intervention points for fostering holistic well-being among individuals in various professional contexts.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Participants

The sample population included 60 adolescents (35 men and 25 Women) of age range 35.42 years with no history of mental or physical disability. The average age of the sample was 35.42 years (SD ±2.325). Almost half the sample has experience greater than 5 years (n = 34, 56.6%), 3 had an experience of around 12 months (5%) and 23 students had an experience between 1 to 4 years (38.4%). Only those professionals were included in the study who were RCI licensed and had working experience of at least 10 months.

B. Operational Definition

1) *Job Satisfaction:* Job satisfaction is the emotional inclination a person holds toward their present job, influencing their workplace behavior and manifesting in expressions of either contentment or dissatisfaction at work. (Apridar & Adamy, 2018; *Singh & Onahring, 2019)*
2) *Sleep Quality:* The personal evaluation of sleep, encompassing factors such as the time it takes to fall asleep, duration of sleep, effectiveness, disruptions, reliance on sleep medications, and daytime impairment. (Buysse et al., 1989).
3) *Well-Being:* A state characterized by experiencing positive emotions and moods, the lack of negative emotions, contentment with one's life, a sense of fulfillment, and overall positive well-being. (M Chutiyami et al., 2022)

C. Measures

Initially, mental health professionals were requested to furnish their demographic details, including age, gender, and professional experience. Subsequently, they were tasked with completing the Job Satisfaction Index, Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index, and Well-being Assessment Scale.

JSI (Job Satisfaction Index)- to assess job satisfaction in clinical psychologists- by Brayfield and Rothe, 1951- comprises 18 items in a 5-point Likert scale ranging from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree as options having a value of 1,2,3,4 and 5 respectively. Items 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, and 17 follow a reversed scoring system. Score ranges from 7-35, higher score pointing to higher gaming addiction. The scoring scale spans from 18 to 90, with higher scores indicating a higher level of job satisfaction, while lower scores correspond to a lower level of job satisfaction.

PSQI (Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index) - to assess the sleep quality in clinical psychologists- by Buysse et al. (1989)- comprises 19 self-rated questions and an additional 5 questions, if available, assessed by a bed partner or roommate. The scoring focuses solely on the self-rated questions. Seven "component" scores, each ranging from 0 to 3 points, categorize the 19 self-rated items. A score of "0" denotes no difficulty, while "3" signifies significant challenges across all components. The sum of these seven component scores produces a solitary "global" score, with a range of 0 to 21 points. A global score of "0" implies no difficulty, while a score of "21" indicates severe difficulties in all evaluated areas.

WBA (Well-Being Assessment (Adult – 24 items)) – to assess psychological well-being in clinical psychologists – by M. C. Stiefel (2020)- The Well-Being Assessment (WBA) for adults is a 24-item questionnaire crafted to gauge diverse aspects of well-being. This tool is organized to assess an individual's overall well-being across physical, emotional, social, and psychological realms. Participants self-report their ratings on various well-being facets, offering insights into their mental and emotional states. The WBA consists of items on a Likert scale ranging from "0" to "10" having a range of scores between 0 to 240.

D. Procedure and Consent

Clinical psychologists were initially identified based on their possession of an RCI license. Only those holding valid licenses were approached, and participation was voluntary. Selected participants were then briefed about the research objectives, and their informed consent was obtained before inclusion. Emphasis was placed on assuring participants of the confidentiality and anonymity of their responses.

A comprehensive questionnaire encompassing the Job Satisfaction Index, Well-being Assessment, and Pittsburgh Sleep Quality, along with demographic inquiries (such as age, gender, and years of experience), was presented to participants. All questions were in a self-report format, and participants were informed that completing the questionnaire would take approximately 30-40 minutes. Rigorous efforts were made to ensure that all items were appropriately marked during the data collection process.

Data collection commenced with an initial sample of 70 clinical psychologists. Subsequently, the participants underwent a shortlisting process based on their professional experience, with inclusion criteria requiring a minimum of 12 months of relevant work experience for participation in the study.

E. Ethics

The research adhered to stringent ethical guidelines to safeguard the well-being and rights of the participating clinical psychologists. Before their involvement, individuals were identified based on their possession of an RCI license, ensuring a professional and qualified pool.

Participation was entirely voluntary, with only licensed psychologists being approached, and explicit consent was obtained before their inclusion in the study. Throughout the process, participants were extensively briefed on the research objectives, and their informed consent was obtained, emphasizing the voluntary nature of their involvement. Ensuring the utmost confidentiality was a fundamental principle, and participants were guaranteed that their responses would be handled with the highest level of privacy and anonymity.

The comprehensive questionnaire, covering domains such as job satisfaction, well-being, and sleep quality, included demographic inquiries and was presented in a self-report format.

The research team took measures to ensure that the completion of the questionnaire, lasting approximately 30-40 minutes, did not compromise the well-being or comfort of the participants. Rigorous efforts were made during data collection to maintain confidentiality and the ethical integrity of the study.

The study protocol received ethical approval from the relevant institutional review board, underscoring the commitment to ethical standards throughout the research process.

F. Analytical Plan

A partial least squares (PLS) SEM in SmartPLS 4 was employed to validate our model (https://www.smartpls.com/ [accessed 2024-01-01]). This analytical approach was chosen for its suitability, as PLS is not reliant on normal distributions or interval scales (W. W. Chin et al., 2003), aligning well with our research objective. To ensure robust predictions, we conducted 10,000 bootstrap procedures. In the model, we amalgamated Job Satisfaction, Sleep quality, and Well-being to assess the impact of Job satisfaction on Sleep quality and well-being and to assess the indirect effect of job satisfaction on well-being through sleep quality. The model was then checked for psychometric properties to establish reliability and validity. When established, the model was used for hypothesis testing.

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IV. RESULTS

Table 1: Mean, SD, variance for Job satisfaction, Sleep quality, and well-being (N=60).

	N	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation
Age	60	30	45	36.67	1.51927
Job Satisfaction	60	24	82	52.23	6.197
Sleep Quality	60	4	19	11.45	7.304
Well-being	60	40	212	155.65	4.37672
Valid N (listwise)	60				

Table 1 shows the mean, SD, value range for all scales for N = 60. On job satisfaction, the mean came out to be 36.67, with SD ± 6.197. The minimum score reported was 24 and maximum scores came out to be 82 respectively. On the sleep quality scale, the mean appeared to be 11.42 SD ± 7.30 with minimum value of 4 and maximum value of 19. For Well-being, mean and SD came out to be 155.65 and 4.376 respectively having a minimum and maximum value of 40 and 212 respectively

A. Measurement Model (for Job satisfaction, Sleep quality, and Wellbeing)

The study employed a measurement model to evaluate the robustness of the constructs. The evaluation process began with examining factor loadings and subsequently establishing both reliability and validity.

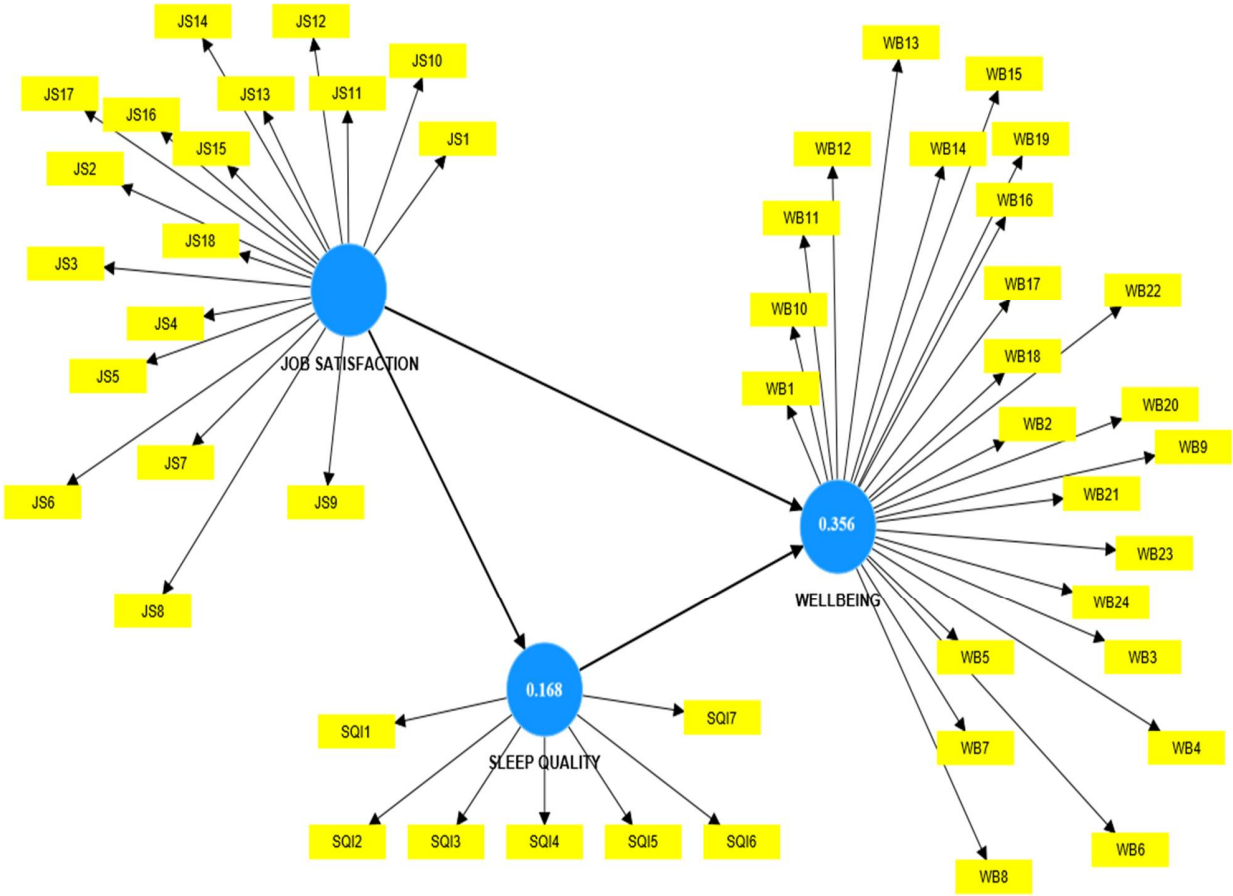

Fig. 1: Model to check the impact of Job satisfaction on Sleep quality and Well-being. Each construct along with their factor loadings.

	Job Satisfaction	Wellbeing	Sleep quality index
JS1	0.912		
JS2	0.851		
JS3	0.936		
JS4	0.702		
JS5	0.593		
JS6	0.714		
JS7	0.612		
JS8	0.768		
JS9	0.463		
JS10	0.854		
JS11	0.764		
JS12	0.874		
JS13	0.289		
JS14	0.769		
JS15	0.745		
\JS16	0.762		
JS17	0.778		
JS18	0.789		
WB1		0.987	
WB2		0.764	
WB3		0.763	
WB4		0.537	
WB5		0.678	
WB6		0.238	
WB7		0.653	
WB8		0.876	
WB9		0.789	
WB10		0.935	
WB11		0.935	
WB12		0.765	
WB13		0.983	
WB14		0.632	
WB15		0.782	
WB16		0.689	
WB17		0.767	
WB18		0.765	
WB19		0.867	
WB20		0.325	
WB21		0.856	
WB22		0.789	
WB23		0.782	
WB24		0.952	
SQI1			0.278
SQI2			0.727
SQI3			0.728
SQI4			0.734
SQI5			0.798
SQI6			0.892
SQI7			0.921

Table 2. Factor loading for all the constructs.

The factor loadings presented in Table 2 were derived from running the model through 10,000 bootstrap procedures. To enhance the reliability and validity of the construct, factor loadings with values below 0.7 or p-values exceeding 0.05 were excluded from the final model.

Removed factor loading JS5, JS7, JS9, JS13, WB4, WB5, WB6, WB7, WB14, WB16, WB20, SQI1.

B. Improved Model with lower factor Loadings Removed

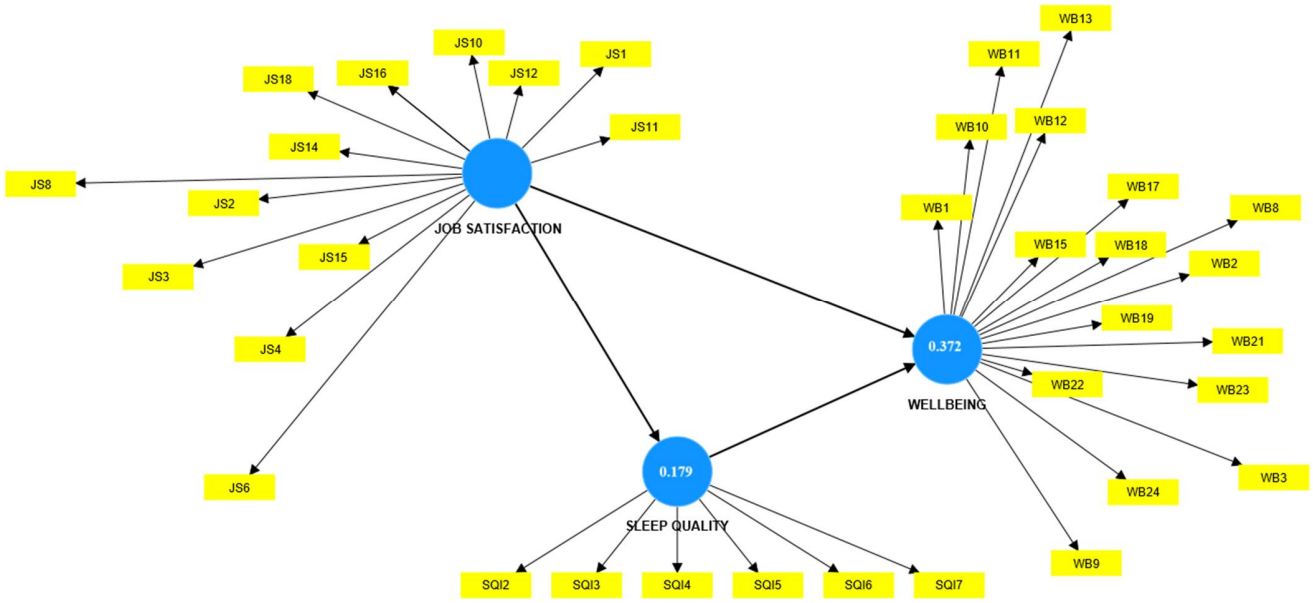

Fig. 2– Proposed model after removing insignificant factor loadings.

	Job Satisfaction	*Wellbeing*	*Sleep quality index*
JS1	*0.934*		
JS2	*0.892*		
JS3	*0.921*		
JS4	*0.743*		
JS6	*0.743*		
JS8	*0.765*		
JS10	*0.867*		
JS11	*0.776*		
JS12	*0.892*		
JS14	*0.798*		
JS15	*0.787*		
JS16	*0.785*		
JS17	*0.802*		
JS18	*0.805*		
WB1		*0.867*	
WB2		*0.787*	
WB3		*0.843*	
WB8		*0.892*	
WB9		*0.802*	
WB10		*0.946*	
WB11		*0.942*	
WB12		*0.854*	
WB13		*0.853*	

WB15	*0.791*	
WB17	*0.782*	
WB18	*0.789*	
WB19	*0.891*	
WB21	*0.891*	
WB22	*0.791*	
WB23	*0.798*	
WB24	*0.952*	
SQI2		*0.732*
SQI3		*0.825*
SQI4		*0.743*
SQI5		*0.912*
SQI6		*0.878*
SQI7		*0.732*

Table 3. Factor loading for all the constructs.

1) Reliability Analysis

	Cronbach's Alpha	Composite Reliability
Job Satisfaction	0.748	0.778
Sleep Quality	0.723	0.701
Well-being	0.721	0.792

Table 4: Construct reliability analysis.

From Table 4, it can be concluded that each component within the construct exhibits reliability exceeding the specified threshold of 0.70, as outlined by Hair et al. (2011). Consequently, the overall reliability of the construct is confirmed.

2) Convergent validity

Convergent validity concerns the agreement among various attempts to measure the same concept. This concept implies that multiple measures of a phenomenon should show high covariance if they are valid indicators of that particular concept (Bagozzi et al., 1991, p. 425). Validation of convergent validity is established when the Average Variance Extracted (AVE) value attains or surpasses the suggested threshold of .50, signifying the efficient convergence of items in accurately measuring the underlying construct. (Fornell & Larcker, 1981).

	(AVE)
Job Satisfaction	0.521
Sleep Quality	0.501
Well-being	0.623

Table 5: Construct convergent validity

3) Goodness of Fit

The analysis results indicate an R^2 value of .372 ($p < .05$) for Well-being and .179 ($p > .05$) for sleep quality. This implies that 37.2% of the variance in Well-being can be attributed to Job Satisfaction and Sleep quality, while 17.9% of the variance in sleep quality is attributed to job satisfaction. According to Falk and Miller (1992), to explain variance in a specific endogenous construct, the satisfactory R^2 value should be 0.10 or higher.

Predictive relevance, as measured by Q^2, assesses the model's suitability for prediction ($Q^2 > 0$ is favorable).

	Q^2 predict	RMSE	MAE
Sleep Quality	0.095	0.072	0.789
Well-being	0.082	0.079	0.732

Table 5: prediction summary table

Therefore, on the basis of Table 5, it can be inferred that the Q^2 value for each endogenous construct exceeded 0, confirming the establishment of predictive relevance.

The SRMR value was computed to enhance prediction relevance. According to Hu and Bentler (1999), a good fit is indicated when the SRMR value is less than 0.10 or 0.08. In the present analysis, the SRMR value for each endogenous construct is 0.072 and 0.079, falling slightly outside the recommended range but still suggesting a reasonably close fit.

C. Structural Model

1) Hypotheses Testing

a) H1: There shall be a significant impact of Job Satisfaction on Sleep Quality.

H1 estimates that there shall be a significant impact of Job Satisfaction on Sleep Quality. The findings revealed a significant impact on Sleep Quality by Job satisfaction (β = -.421, t = 4.278, p < .005). Hence, we failed to reject hypothesis H1. The negative correlation (r = -.421, p < .005), implies that with an increase in Job Satisfaction, there shall be a decrease in the Sleep quality index, thus leading to better quality of sleep.

b) H2: There shall be a significant impact of Job Satisfaction and Sleep quality on Well-being.

H2 estimates that there shall be a significant impact of Job Satisfaction and Sleep quality on Well-being. The finding revealed that there is a significant effect of Job Satisfaction (β = -.478, t = 4.278, p < .005) and Sleep quality (β = .404, t = 5.329, p < .005)., thus contributing a collective variance of 37.2% onto Well-being. Hence, we failed to reject H2.

c) H3: Sleep quality will mediate the relationship between Job Satisfaction and Well-being.

H3 estimates the presence of significant mediation through sleep quality. Upon analyzing indirect effects, a notable outcome emerged: significant indirect impact of job satisfaction on well-being mediated by sleep quality was establised. (Indirect effect = .07, SE = .02, CI = [-.14, -.02]). Hence, we fail to reject H3.

Hypotheses	Impact	Sig.	Reject/ Failed to reject
H1	Job Satisfaction → Sleep Quality	0.045	Failed to reject
H2	Job Satisfaction X Sleep Quality → Well-being	0.034	Failed to reject
H3	Job Satisfaction → Sleep quality → Well-being	0.046	Failed to reject

Table 6: Hypotheses table

V. DISCUSSION

The primary objective of this study was to assess the intricate relationship between job satisfaction, sleep quality, and overall well-being within the context of clinical psychologists. The hypotheses formulated were tested to ascertain the significant impact of job satisfaction on sleep quality (H1), the combined influence of job satisfaction and sleep quality on well-being (H2), and the role of sleep quality in mediating the connection between job satisfaction and well-being (Hypothesis 3).

H1: Job Satisfaction's Impact on Sleep Quality

The findings supported H1, revealing a significant impact of job satisfaction on sleep quality (β = -.421, t = 4.278, p < .005). The negative correlation (r = -.421, p < .005) indicated that higher job satisfaction was associated with lower sleep quality scores, suggesting an intriguing inverse relationship. This implies that as job satisfaction increased, there was a corresponding decrease in the sleep quality index, indicative of a potential trade-off between professional contentment and sleep patterns. The study conducted by B.A. Scott and T.A. Judge (2006) reinforced the findings, proposing a negative correlation between job satisfaction and insomnia. Similarly, S. Karagozoglu & N. Bingol (2008) observed comparable results in their research on nurses, revealing a weak negative correlation between sleep quality and job satisfaction.

H2: Combined Impact of Job Satisfaction and Sleep Quality on Well-being

Consistent with H2, the study demonstrated a significant impact of both job satisfaction (β = -.478, t = 4.278, p < .005) and sleep quality (β = .404, t = 5.329, p < .005) on well-being.

Together, job satisfaction and sleep quality accounted for a substantial collective variance of 37.2% in well-being. This suggests that the quality of one's job satisfaction and sleep patterns collectively contribute significantly to overall well-being among clinical psychologists. Supporting this, N.A. Hamilton et al. (2007) in their study on soldiers found that individuals who experienced optimal sleep reported lower levels of depression and anxiety symptoms. Additionally, Individuals who experience optimal sleep reported elevated levels of environmental mastery, personal growth, positive relationships with others, a strong sense of purpose in life, and self-acceptance. In the context of job satisfaction and well-being, Cary L. Cooper et al. (1999) corroborated these findings in their study on anesthetists. They revealed that the key factors influencing well-being were organizational issues, particularly communication within the hospital, and the perceived lack of control.

H3: Mediation of Sleep Quality in the Job Satisfaction-Well-being Relationship

The examination of indirect effects supported H3, indicating a significant indirect effect of job satisfaction on well-being through sleep quality (Indirect effect = .07, SE = .02, CI = [-.14, -.02]). Since job satisfaction and well-being have a significant direct relationship as well, this implies that sleep quality fully mediates the relationship between job satisfaction and well-being, highlighting the importance of considering sleep patterns as a contributing factor to the overall well-being of clinical psychologists.

Several potential reasons may explain the observed mediation of sleep quality in the relationship between job satisfaction and well-being:

Stress Reduction: Higher job satisfaction may lead to reduced workplace stress, contributing to improved sleep quality. A positive work environment and job satisfaction can alleviate stressors that might otherwise interfere with a person's ability to sleep well.

Work-Life Balance: Satisfied employees may find it easier to establish a healthy work-life balance, allowing for adequate time for rest. This balance can positively influence sleep patterns and overall well-being.

Psychological Well-being: Job satisfaction is often linked to positive psychological well-being. Employees who are content with their work may experience fewer negative thoughts and emotions, promoting better sleep quality and overall mental health.

VI. CONCLUSION

The study provides valuable insights into the intricate relationships among job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being in the context of clinical psychologists. The findings underscore the need for a holistic approach to well-being interventions, considering both job satisfaction and sleep quality as integral components. The identified associations contribute to a nuanced understanding of factors influencing the mental health and overall well-being of professionals in the field of clinical psychology.

Furthermore, the study highlights the significance of recognizing the specific dynamics within the realm of clinical psychology when exploring the interplay of job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being. Clinical psychologists, who often navigate unique stressors and demands in their profession, may find the identified relationships particularly relevant.

The insights gained from this research shed light on the importance of tailored interventions for professionals in clinical psychology. Addressing job satisfaction and sleep quality concurrently in well-being initiatives can potentially yield more effective outcomes, considering the specific challenges and nuances of this occupational group. The study advocates for the integration of workplace strategies that not only enhance job satisfaction but also prioritize sleep hygiene and overall sleep wellness.

Moreover, the nuanced understanding provided by this research emphasizes the interconnectedness of mental health components for clinical psychologists. Recognizing the intricate web of factors influencing their well-being is essential for developing comprehensive support systems and fostering a healthier work environment within the field of clinical psychology. These findings contribute to the broader discourse on occupational well-being and provide a foundation for targeted interventions aimed at improving the mental health outcomes of clinical psychologists.

VII. LIMITATIONS

1) *Sample Size and Generalizability*: The sample size of 60 adolescents, though carefully selected, may limit the generalizability of the findings to a broader population. The age range and professional background of clinical psychologists may not represent the diversity within the entire field.
2) *Cross-Sectional Design:* The study's cross-sectional design restricts the ability to establish causation. Longitudinal studies would be more appropriate for understanding the dynamic interplay between job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being over time.
3) *Self-Report Measures:* The data heavily relies on self-report measures, including the Job Satisfaction Index, Well-being Assessment, and Pittsburgh Sleep Quality. Self-report measures are subject to biases, and participants may provide socially desirable responses, potentially impacting the accuracy of the results.

4) *Exclusion Criteria:* The exclusion of participants with a history of mental or physical disability might limit the study's applicability to populations with such conditions. Future research should explore these relationships within diverse groups, including individuals with disabilities.
5) *Single Geographic* Location: The study may lack external validity as it focuses on clinical psychologists from a specific geographic location. Cultural and regional variations could influence job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being differently in diverse settings.
6) Ana*lytical Approach:* While the partial least squares (PLS) SEM is suitable for the study's objectives, alternative statistical methods were not explored. Different analytical approaches might yield varying results and interpretations.
7) Limited Control Variables: The study primarily focuses on job satisfaction, sleep quality, and well-being, omitting potential confounding variables that could influence the observed relationships. Including additional factors in future studies could provide a more comprehensive understanding.

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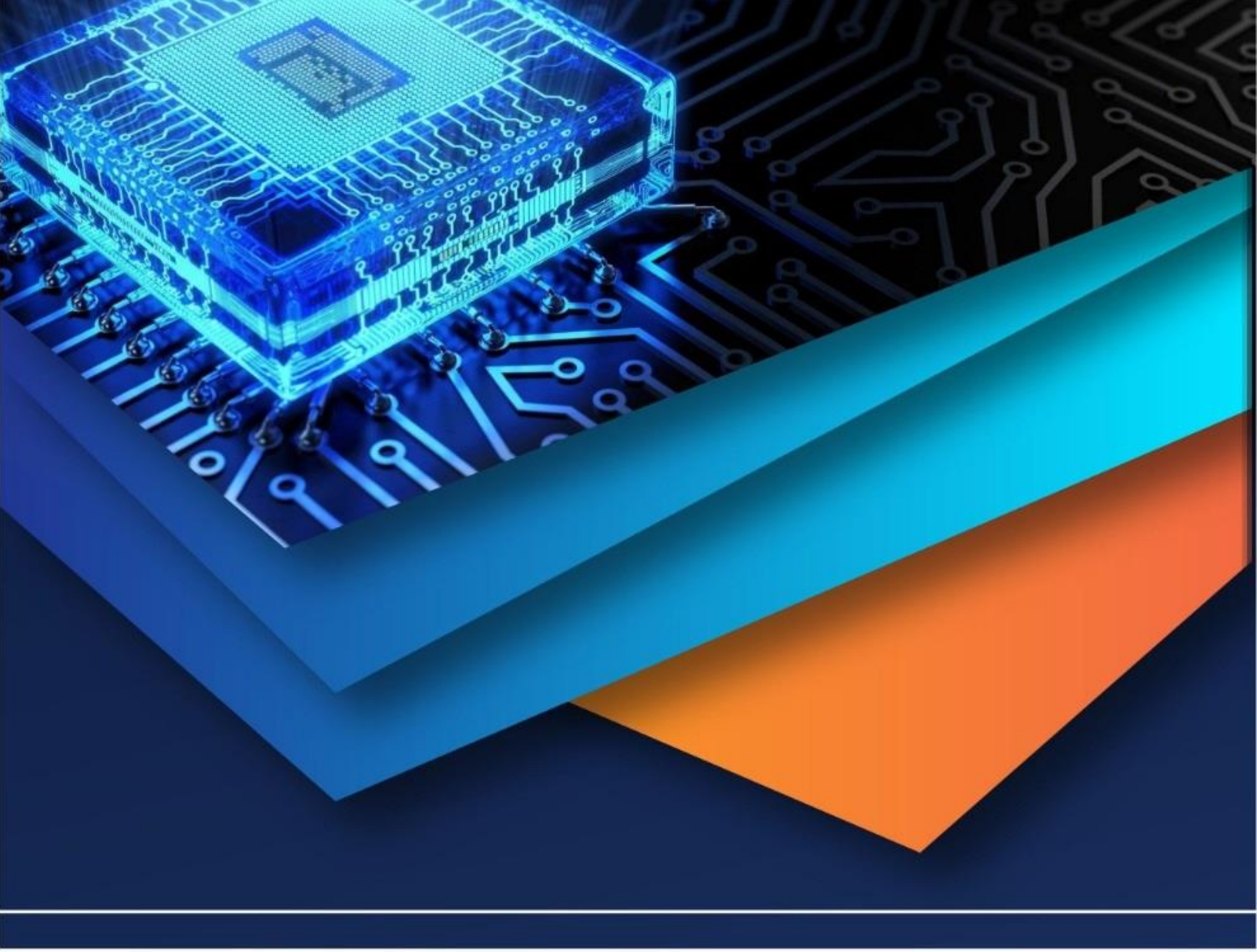

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