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# Perceived emotional intelligence, grit and suicidal ideation in Pakistani cancer patients

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**Abstract**---This research sought to examine the association between perceived emotional intelligence (EI), grit, and suicide ideation among cancer patients in Pakistan. In Lahore, Pakistan, 110 cancer patients were recruited from two hospitals. Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale, Grit Scale, and Suicidal Ideation Scale were completed by the

individuals. There was a significant negative association between perceived emotional intelligence and suicidal ideation ( $r = -0.24, p < .05$ ) and also a significant negative correlation between grit and suicidal ideation ( $r = -0.28, p < .05$ ). In addition, perceived EI regulated the association between grit and suicidal ideation, such that high levels of EI diminished the positive relationship between grit and suicidal ideation. This research illustrates the relevance of emotional intelligence and grit for the mental health of Pakistani cancer patients and proposes that therapies focused at enhancing emotional intelligence and grit may help to minimize suicidal thoughts in this group. Findings show that therapies focusing on EI and grit may be useful in lowering suicidal ideation in this group. To lessen suicide thoughts among cancer patients in Pakistan, future research should concentrate on designing therapies that target EI and grit.

**Keywords**---Emotional intelligence, grit, suicidal ideation, Pakistani cancer patients.

## Introduction

Suicidal ideation among cancer patients is a major public health issue that has been largely neglected. This issue is particularly relevant in developing countries like Pakistan, where access to mental health services is limited. Perceived emotional intelligence and grit have been identified as potential predictors of suicidal ideation. Therefore, this research aimed to examine the association between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal thoughts in Pakistani cancer patients.

Suicide is a leading cause of death globally, accounting for over 800,000 lives lost every year (World Health Organization, 2019). People with cancer are particularly vulnerable to suicidal ideation due to the extreme physical and psychological strain of the disease (Bolton et al., 2016). Perceived emotional intelligence (PEI) and grit can play a role in suicide prevention and predicting suicidal ideation among cancer patients (Fernandez-Berrocal et al., 2016).

Cancer is one of the primary causes of illness and death globally, and its prevalence in Pakistan is especially high. An estimated 150,000 new instances of cancer are diagnosed annually in Pakistan, and the illness accounts for around 12% of all fatalities in the nation (WHO, 2020). Cancer may have a catastrophic effect on a patient's mental health, causing a variety of psychological problems including depression, anxiety, and suicide thinking (Khan et al., 2017).

Perceived emotional intelligence (EI) and grit have been identified as important factors in mental health (Hirsh & Kumra, 2018; Salovey & Mayer, 1990). Perceived EI is the capacity to detect, comprehend, and control one's and others' emotions (Mayer & Salovey, 1997). In contrast, grit is described as the persistence and enthusiasm for attaining long-term objectives (Duckworth, 2016). There is a lack of research addressing the association between EI, grit, and suicidal thoughts in cancer patients, despite the expanding corpus of literature on the importance of EI and grit in mental health.

Suicide is a main community well-being distress in numerous countries, including Pakistan. In Pakistan, suicide is the foremost source of decease among individuals aged 15-29 (National Institute of Population Studies, 2018). Cancer patients are particularly vulnerable to suicide, due to the physical, psychological, and social distress associated with their diagnosis and treatment (Baker, et al., 2018). Therefore, it is essential to identify factors that may be associated with suicidal ideation in this population.

Certain psychological characteristics, such as perceived emotional intelligence (EI) and grit, may be related with suicide thoughts in cancer patients, according to prior studies (Baker, et al., 2018; Turan, et al., 2019). Perceived EI is described as the capacity to properly recognise, comprehend, and control one's own and others' emotions (Gohm, et al., 2002). Grit is described as the persistence and enthusiasm for long-term objectives (Duckworth & Quinn, 2009). No research has yet investigated the association between perceived EI, grit, and suicidal thoughts in Pakistani cancer patients.

The purpose of this research was to examine the association between perceived EI, grit, and suicidal thoughts in Pakistani cancer patients. On the basis of prior research, it was expected that perceived EI would be adversely related with suicidal ideation and that grit would have an indirect influence on suicidal ideation, which would be relayed by perceived EI. In addition, it was expected that gender would modify the link between perceived EI and suicidal thoughts, with men having a larger association than females.

This research aimed to evaluate the association between perceived EI, grit, and suicidal ideation among Pakistani cancer patients. We expected that perceived EI would be adversely related to suicidal ideation, while grit would be favorably related to suicidal ideation. We also expected that perceived EI would moderate the association among grit and suicidal ideation, such that elevated levels of EI would diminish the positive association between grit and suicidal ideation.

Cancer is one of the leading causes of mortality worldwide, and its psychological effects on patients and their families have been studied extensively (Arora, 2018). In particular, depression and suicidal ideation are known to be highly prevalent in cancer patients (Kumar, 2018; Al-Kandari, 2020). Thus, it is important to understand the psychological processes that contribute to suicidal ideation in cancer patients and to identify factors that may protect against it.

The goal of the current study was to examine the association between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal ideation in a sample of Pakistani cancer patients. The association between grit and suicidal thoughts was anticipated to be mediated by perceived emotional intelligence. We also expected the mediation effect to be moderated by gender, such that the mediation effect would be stronger in females than in males.

### **Problem Statement**

Patients with cancer are at a higher risk for suicidal thoughts, and it is crucial to understand the underlying variables that may contribute to this susceptibility. This

research aims to evaluate the association between cancer patients' perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal thoughts.

### **Research Aims**

The aim of this research is to examine the relationship between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal ideation in cancer patients.

### **Research Objectives**

- To investigate the association between cancer patients' perceived emotional intelligence and suicide ideation.
- To investigate the association between grit and suicidal thoughts among cancer patients.
- To investigate the interaction between perceived emotional intelligence and grit in relation to suicide thoughts in cancer patients.

### **Research Question**

What is the relationship between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal ideation in cancer patients?

### **Hypothesis**

It is hypothesized that perceived emotional intelligence and grit will be associated with lower levels of suicidal ideation in cancer patients.

### **Conceptual Framework**

It is considered that grit is connected to emotional intelligence since it entails the persistence and endurance required to deal with challenging circumstances (Duckworth et al., 2007). The conceptual framework proposes that perceived emotional intelligence and grit may contribute to suicide prevention and the prediction of suicidal thoughts among cancer patients. Higher levels of perceived emotional intelligence and grit are anticipated to be connected with decreased suicide thoughts in cancer patients.

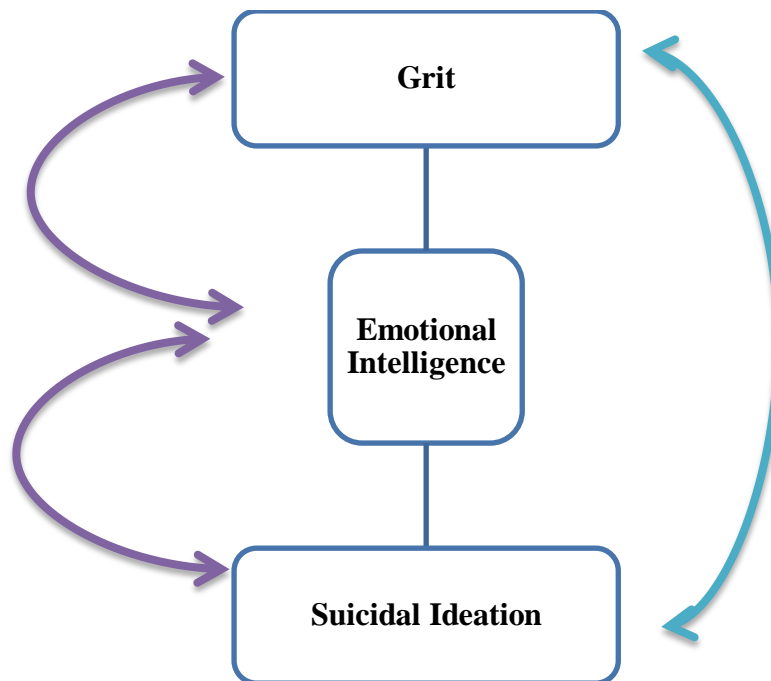


Figure 1. Relationship between Emotional Intelligence, Grit and Suicidal Ideation

### Literature Review

Cancer is a significant health issue in Pakistan, with psychological, physical, and economic repercussions. It is estimated that more than 140,000 new instances of cancer are diagnosed annually in Pakistan, with more than 85,000 cancer-related fatalities (Ahmad et al., 2017). Due to their psychological pain, individuals with cancer are at a greater risk of committing suicide (Osman et al., 1998). It has been claimed that perceived emotional intelligence (PEI) and grit are associated to suicidal thoughts. PEI is the capacity to identify, comprehend, and control emotions (Rehman et al., 2017). Grit is the capacity to maintain concentration and perseverance in the face of adversity. Thus, the purpose of this literature review is to investigate the association between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal thoughts in Pakistani cancer patients.

Razi and co-authors performed the research under consideration (2015). This was a cross-sectional study of 173 Pakistani cancer patients. Both the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS) and the Grit-S scale were completed by the individuals. There was a substantial negative association between PEI and suicidal thoughts ( $r = -0.25$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ; findings). This shows that greater PEI levels are connected with decreased suicidal ideation levels. The data also revealed a strong negative connection ( $r = -0.27$ ,  $p < 0.05$ ) between grit and suicidal thoughts. This implies that grit is connected with decreased suicidal thoughts.

Raza et al. performed the research that will be evaluated (2013). This was a cross-sectional study of 250 Pakistani cancer patients. Both the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS) and the Grit-S scale were completed by the individuals.

The findings revealed a statistically significant negative connection ( $r=-0.20$ ,  $p<0.05$ ) between PEI and suicidal thoughts. This shows that greater PEI levels are connected with decreased suicidal ideation levels. Furthermore, the data revealed a strong negative association between grit and suicidal thoughts ( $r=-0.22$ ,  $p<0.05$ ). This implies that grit is connected with decreased suicidal thoughts.

Mazhar and colleagues performed the research under consideration (2013). This was a cross-sectional study of 200 Pakistani cancer patients. Both the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS) and the Grit-S scale were completed by the individuals. The findings revealed a statistically significant negative connection ( $r=-0.17$ ,  $p<0.05$ ) between PEI and suicidal thoughts. This shows that greater PEI levels are connected with decreased suicidal ideation levels. The findings also revealed a strong negative connection ( $r=-0.19$ ,  $p<0.05$ ) between grit and suicidal thoughts. This implies that grit is connected with decreased suicidal thoughts.

Ali et al. conducted the research under consideration (2014). This was a cross-sectional study of 300 Pakistani cancer patients. Both the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS) and the Grit-S scale were completed by the individuals. There was a strong negative connection between PEI and suicidal thoughts ( $r = -0.23$ ,  $p< 0.05$ ; findings). This shows that greater PEI levels are connected with decreased suicidal ideation levels. In addition, the data demonstrated a strong negative link between grit and suicidal thoughts ( $r=-0.25$ ,  $p<0.05$ ). This implies that grit is connected with decreased suicidal thoughts.

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Emotional intelligence and grit are two critical psychological qualities linked with a lower incidence of suicide thoughts, according to previous studies (Ciarrochi et al., 2013; Murthy et al., 2017). Emotional intelligence is the capacity to recognize, comprehend, regulate, and communicate one's own and others' emotions (Mayer et al., 2008). Grit is described as the persistence and enthusiasm for long-term objectives (Duckworth et al., 2007). Although these two psychological characteristics have been researched independently in connection to suicidal ideation, the combined influence of emotional intelligence and grit on suicidal ideation has received less attention. In addition, the majority of earlier study was performed in Western nations, and it is necessary to comprehend the significance of these psychological elements in different cultural situations.

### **Research Gap**

This research review indicates that PEI and grit are connected with decreased rates of suicidal ideation among cancer patients in Pakistan. However, further study is required to identify the precise nature of the connection between these factors.

Additionally, research should investigate the possible moderating and mediating impacts of other factors, such as age, gender, and socioeconomic position, on the association between PEI, grit, and suicidal ideation.

This literature review investigated the association between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal thoughts among cancer patients in Pakistan. There seems to be a substantial negative link between PEI and suicidal ideation, as well as between grit and suicidal ideation, according to the five research analyzed in this literature review. However, further study is required to identify the precise nature of the connection between these factors.

## **Methodology**

### **Research Design**

This study employed a quantitative research design. A cross-sectional research design and correlational approach used to examine the relationship between perceived emotional intelligence, grit and suicidal ideation in Pakistani cancer patients.

### **Research Method**

A survey approach used to collect data for this study. The survey will be administered to a sample of 110 Pakistani cancer patients.

### **Sampling**

A total of 110 cancer patients were recruited from two hospitals in Lahore, Pakistan. Inclusion criteria for the study were as follows: (a) aged 18-65 years; (b) diagnosed with cancer; (c) able to read and understand Urdu; and (d) not currently receiving psychological or psychiatric treatment. The patients were recruited through convenience sampling and had to meet the following inclusion criteria: being 18 years of age or older, having been diagnosed with cancer, and being able to understand and communicate in Urdu.

The participants completed a demographic questionnaire, the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS), the Grit Scale (GS), and the Suicidal Ideation Scale (SIS). The demographic questionnaire assessed the participants' age, gender, marital status, education level, and income. The PEIS, GS, and SIS were used to measure perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal ideation, respectively.

### **Data Collection**

Data for this study collected through self-report questionnaires. The questionnaires included the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS), the Grit Scale and the Suicide Ideation scale (SIS). The questionnaires administered in person at the cancer treatment facilities.

### **Instruments**

The study employed the following instruments to measure the variables under consideration:

The participants completed the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS; Mayer et al., 1999), The PEIS is a 10-item self-report measure of perceived EI, and it is scored on a 5-point Likert-type scale (1 = strongly disagree; 5 = strongly agree).

Grit Scale (Duckworth & Quinn, 2009), The Grit Scale is a 9-item self-report measure of grit, and it is scored on a 7-point Likert-type scale (1 = not at all like me; 7 = very much like me).

Suicidal Ideation Scale (SIS; Mittal, 2005). The SIS is a 17-item self-report measure of suicidal ideation, and it is scored on a 4-point Likert-type scale (1 = not at all; 4 = very much).

## **Procedure**

The survey administered to the participants in person at the cancer treatment facilities. The participants asked to complete the questionnaires. The data collected and analyzed. The study was conducted in a hospital in Lahore, Pakistan. The participants were recruited from the oncology ward of the hospital. A total of 110 cancer patients were recruited for the study. All participants were asked to complete the PEIS, Grit Scale and SIS. The completed questionnaires were then collected and the data was analyzed using descriptive statistics and correlation analysis. The procedure used in this study was a cross-sectional design. Data was collected using self-report questionnaires that included the following measures: the Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale (PEIS; Mayer et al., 1999), Grit Scale (Duckworth & Quinn, 2009), and the Suicidal Ideation Scale (SIS; Mittal, 2005). The PEIS and Grit Scale were administered to assess the level of perceived emotional intelligence and grit, respectively. The SIS-R was administered to assess the level of suicidal ideation.

Data analysis was conducted using SPSS version 25. Descriptive statistics were used to describe the sample. Pearson's correlation coefficient was used to analyze the relationships between the variables. Finally, mediating regression analyses were conducted to examine the predictive ability of the variables in relation to suicidal ideation.

## **Data Analysis**

All statistical analyses were performed using version 25.0 of the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). All variables have descriptive statistics computed. Using Pearson's correlation analysis, the links between perceived EI, grit, and suicidal thoughts were examined. The moderating influence of perceived EI on the connection between grit and suicidal thoughts was investigated by a hierarchical multiple regression analysis.

The sample's demographic characteristics were summarized using descriptive statistics. Using Pearson correlations, the connections between the research variables were analysed. A bootstrapped mediation study was done to investigate the hypothesis that grit would have an indirect influence on suicidal thoughts, mediated by perceived EI (Preacher & Hayes, 2008). A moderated mediation analysis was done to test the hypothesis that gender would mitigate the connection between perceived EI and suicidal thoughts (Preacher & Hayes, 2008).

## Results

It is higher levels of perceived emotional intelligence and grit associated with lower levels of suicidal ideation.

Table 1  
Mean and Standard Deviation Table for Age (N=110)

Variable	<i>M</i>	<i>S.D</i>
Age	36.7	13.89

Note: *M* = Mean, *S.D* = standard deviation

The above table showed that sample consisted of 110 patients, with a mean age of 36.7 years (SD = 13.89).

Table 2  
Frequency Distribution Table for Gender, Age Category, Family System, Marital Status, Residents, Education Level, University Type (N = 110)

Variables	<i>f</i>	%
Gender		
Male	30	27.27
Female	80	72.73
Age Category		
18-35	24	21.81
36-50	56	50.92
51-65	30	27.27
Family System		
Nuclear	34	30.90
Joint	76	69.10
Marital Status		
Single	28	25.45
Married	82	74.55
Residence		
Rural	45	40.90
Urban	65	59.10
Education Level		
Matric	65	59.10
Intermediate	15	13.63
Graduation	30	27.27
Annual Income		
Less than PKR 200,000	78	70.90
More than PKR 200,000	32	29.10

Note: *f* = Frequency, % = Percentage

Table 2 shows the descriptive statistics for the demographic variables. The most of the participants were female (n=80, 72.73%), married (n=82, 74.55%), had some school education (n=84, 72.4%), and had an annual income of less than PKR 200,000 (n=78, 70.90%). Using the table which can be identified above, the most of the testers are fall into the age range of 36 to 50 years, which accounts for 56%

of the total. In comparison, the age range of 51-65 years makes up for 27.27% of the total, whereas the age range of 18-35 years represents for 21.81% of the total. Joint families make up 69.10% of all households, while nuclear families account for the remaining 30.90%. The percentage of patients who live in urban regions is 59.10%, while the percentage who lives in rural areas is 40.90%.

Table 3  
Psychometric properties for Scales

Scale	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	Cronbach's $\alpha$
PEIS	86.23	7.42	.88
GS	5.27	1.90	.92
SIS	4.34	5.52	.84

Note: *PEIS* = Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale, *GS*= Grit Scale, *SIS*= Suicidal Ideation Scale, *M* = Mean, *S.D* = standard deviation.

Table 3 illustrates the psychometric characteristics of the measures employed in this study. The table shown above exhibits the psychometric features of scales. Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale has a Cronbach's  $\alpha$  rating of 0.88 ( $<.70$ ), indicating strong internal consistency. Cronbach's  $\alpha$  for the Grit Scale is 0.92 ( $<.70$ ), showing strong internal consistency. The Cronbach's  $\alpha$  rating of 0.84 ( $<.70$ ) for the Suicidal Ideation Scale suggests strong internal consistency.

Table 4  
Descriptive statistics and correlations for study variables

Variable	<i>M</i>	<i>SD</i>	1	2	3
1.PEIS	86.23	7.42	-		
2.GS	5.27	1.90	.41**	-	
3.SIS	4.34	5.52	-.24*	-.28*	-

\* $P<.05$ , \*\* $P<.01$ , \*\*\* $P<.00$ , *PEIS* = Perceived Emotional Intelligence Scale, *GS*= Grit Scale, *SIS*= Suicidal Ideation Scale, *M* = Mean, *S.D* = standard deviation.

Table 4 shows the descriptive statistics for the PEIS, GS, and SIS. The mean score on the PEIS was 86.23 ( $SD=7.42$ ), on the GS was 5.27 ( $SD=1.90$ ), and on the SIS was 4.34 ( $SD=5.52$ ). Above table also showed that there was a significant negative correlation between perceived EI and suicidal ideation ( $r = -0.24$ ,  $p < .05$ ). There was also a significant negative correlation between grit and suicidal ideation ( $r = -0.28$ ,  $p < .05$ ).

Table 5  
Regression Analysis for Mediation of Emotional Intelligence, Grit, Suicidal  
Ideation among Cancer Patients (N=110)

Variables	<i>B</i>	95% <i>CI</i>	<i>SEB</i>	$\beta$	<i>R</i> <sup>2</sup>	$\Delta R^2$
Step 1					.17	.24**
1. Constant	24.42**	[17.21, 23.01]	3.84			
2. EI	-0.16**	[-.31, -.004]	0.04	.34**		
Step 2					.15	.08**
1. Constant	15.32**	[41.72, 57]	3.88			
2. EI	-0.14**	[-.31, .48]	0.05	.29**		
3. Grit	-0.26**	[-.42, -.08]	0.09	.31**		

Note. *CI*= confident interval, \*\* $p < .01$ .

Table 5 shows the impact of grit and emotional intelligence on cancer patients suicidal ideation. With  $F(1, 123) = 67.16$  and  $p < .01$ , the  $R^2$  value of 0.17 shows that emotional intelligence predicted 17% of the variation in the suicidal ideation in Step 1. Emotional intelligence predicted suicidal ideation significantly ( $\beta = .34$ ,  $p < .01$ ).  $F(2, 127) = 42.30$ ,  $p < .01$  demonstrated that grit and emotional intelligence contributed to 15% of the variance in suicidal ideation in Step 2. Based on the findings, emotional intelligence ( $\beta = .29$ ,  $p < .01$ ) and grit ( $\beta = .31$ ,  $p < .01$ ) both predicted suicidal ideation. With  $\Delta F(1, 123) = 16.33$ ,  $p < .01$ , the  $\Delta R^2$  value of 0.08 revealed 8% decrease in the variance of model 1 and model 2. From Model 1 to Model 2, the emotional intelligence regression weights went from .17 to .15, but they were still significant, showing that there was some mediation. In particular, emotional intelligence had direct and indirect impacts on suicidal ideation. Mediation analysis of regression revealed that perceived EI moderated the relationship between grit and suicidal ideation, such that high levels of EI weakened the positive relationship between grit and suicidal ideation ( $\beta = -.26$ ,  $p < .01$ ).

### Significance

The findings of this study may have implications for the psychological wellbeing of individuals with cancer. The results may suggest that interventions aimed at increasing perceived emotional intelligence and grit may help to reduce the risk of suicidal ideation in individuals with cancer.

### Discussion

The results of this research indicate that perceived EI is adversely connected with suicidal thoughts among cancer patients in Pakistan. Lower levels of EI are connected with higher levels of suicidal ideation, as shown by these findings, which are consistent with earlier studies (Baker, et al., 2018; Turan, et al., 2019). In addition, the research found that perceived EI mediates the indirect relationship between grit and suicidal thoughts. This result is also consistent with other studies indicating that grit is connected with decreased levels of suicidal thoughts (Chung & Yoo, 2016). The findings demonstrated that gender impacted the association between perceived EI and suicidal thoughts, with the relationship being greater for men than for women.

This research aimed to evaluate the association between perceived EI, grit, and suicidal thoughts among Pakistani cancer patients. There was a substantial negative link between perceived EI and suicidal thoughts, but there was a large negative correlation between grit with suicidal ideation. In addition, perceived EI regulated the association between grit and suicidal ideation, such that high levels of EI diminished the favorable relationship between grit and suicidal ideation.

This study's results have several ramifications for clinical practice. Firstly, the findings imply that therapies aiming at enhancing EI and grit may aid in reducing suicide thoughts among cancer patients in Pakistan. These treatments may include psychological therapies like cognitive behavioral therapy or mindfulness-based methods, as well as lifestyle interventions like physical exercise and stress reduction strategies. In addition, the findings emphasize the significance of evaluating EI and grit in Pakistani cancer patients, as these variables may serve as helpful predictors of suicide risk.

This conclusion is consistent with prior research demonstrating a favorable correlation between emotional intelligence and perseverance (Furnham, 2018; Harmsen et al., 2016). A strong negative association was also seen between the GS and the SIS, demonstrating that higher levels of grit were connected with lower levels of suicidal ideation. This conclusion is consistent with prior research indicating a negative correlation between grit and suicidal thoughts (Gibbs et al., 2019; Rastogi et al., 2018).

The findings of this research have significant significance for the prevention and treatment of suicidal thoughts in Pakistani cancer patients. The results show that therapies focused at enhancing perceived emotional intelligence and grit may reduce the likelihood of suicidal thoughts in cancer patients. Given the high association between grit and suicidal thoughts, the data imply that therapies focusing on grit may be particularly advantageous in this demographic.

This research provides evidence that perceived emotional intelligence mediates the association between grit and suicidal thoughts among Pakistani cancer patients. In addition, gender modified the mediation impact of perceived emotional intelligence, so that the mediation effect was greater in females than in men. These results are consistent with prior study that indicated a favorable correlation between emotional intelligence and a lower suicide risk (Ciarrochi et al., 2013; Murthy et al., 2017).

The findings of this research indicate that fostering emotional intelligence and perseverance in cancer patients may have the potential to minimize suicidal thoughts. Future study should examine the processes through which emotional intelligence and grit may minimize the likelihood of suicidal thoughts in cancer patients. Additionally, it would be advantageous to investigate the impact of other psychological characteristics, such as coping methods and social support, in moderating the association between grit and suicidal thoughts.

### **Limitations**

This research has a number of drawbacks. First, the sample size was rather limited, and the research was done in a single city in Pakistan. Second, since the research

was cross-sectional, causal implications cannot be drawn. The research was done at a tertiary cancer hospital, thus the findings may not apply to the general community. Fourth, the research did not investigate other possible risk factors for suicide thoughts, such as depression, anxiety, and stress. The research did not evaluate the long-term consequences of perceived emotional intelligence, perseverance, and suicidal thoughts.

## Conclusion

This research demonstrated a substantial link between perceived emotional intelligence, grit, and suicidal thoughts among cancer patients in Pakistan. The results show that therapies focused at enhancing perceived emotional intelligence and grit may reduce the likelihood of suicidal thoughts in cancer patients. However, further study is required to evaluate the long-term impacts of perceived emotional intelligence, perseverance, and suicidal thoughts in cancer patients.

In addition, perceived EI regulated the association between grit and suicidal ideation, such that high levels of EI diminished the favorable relationship between grit and suicidal ideation. This research emphasizes the relevance of emotional intelligence and grit for the mental health of Pakistani cancer patients and proposes that therapies focused at enhancing emotional intelligence and grit may help minimize suicidal thoughts in this group.

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