

Table 1. Self-reported childhood trauma and adulthood negative life events in a sample of community dwelling older adults (n=81)

Type of childhood trauma	Number of individuals with scores above cut-off (% of individuals)	
CTQ emotional abuse	5 (6%)	
CTQ physical abuse	4 (5%)	
CTQ sexual abuse	12 (15%)	
CTQ emotional neglect	16 (20%)	
CTQ physical neglect	28 (35%)	
CTQ any type of trauma	40 (49%)	
Negative life events in adulthood	Average number of events (% of events)	
Total number	11 (100%)	
Work	1 (9.09%)	
Relationship	1 (9.09%)	
Children	2 (18.18%)	
Family	3.5 (31.82%)	
Crime	1 (9.09%)	
Finance	0 (0%)	
Friends	1.25 (11.36%)	
Health	1.25 (11.36%)	
Self-reported anxiety and depression	Mean	SD, range
HADS-A	4.41	3.58, 0-18
GDS	5.56	4.36, 0-22

Note. CTQ = Childhood Trauma Questionnaire; HADS-A = Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale-Anxiety subscale; GDS = Geriatric Depression Scale.

Table 2. Correlations between childhood trauma, adulthood negative life events, attachment and late life anxiety or depression in community dwelling older adults (n=81)

	Anxiety	Depression
CTQ total number	.28*	.19
CTQ presence	.25*	.31*
CTQ emotional neglect	.35*	.29*
CTQ physical neglect	.16	.16
CTQ emotional abuse	.38*	.18
CTQ physical abuse	.11	.12
CTQ sexual abuse	.06	-.15
PERI total number	.01	.17
PERI distress	.12	.28*
	Attachment anxiety	Attachment avoidance
CTQ total number	.06	-.15
CTQ presence	-.04	-.15

CTQ emotional neglect	.28*	.10
CTQ physical neglect	.08	.08
CTQ emotional abuse	.06	.09
CTQ physical abuse	.26	-.43*
CTQ sexual abuse	-.10	-.32
PERI total number	-.06	-.07
PERI distress	.04	-.02
Anxiety	.29**	.30**
Depression	.26*	.40***

Note. CTQ = Childhood Trauma Questionnaire; PERI = Psychiatric Epidemiology Research Interview; * = $p < 0.05$, ** = $p < 0.01$, *** = $p < 0.001$.

Table 3. Model coefficients for the mediation through attachment anxiety of the effect of childhood emotional neglect on levels of anxiety in late life

		Consequent						
		Attachment anxiety (M)			State anxiety (Y)			
Antecedent		Coeff.	SE	P		Coeff.	SE	p
Emotional neglect (X)	<i>a</i>	0.06	0.03	.07	<i>c'</i>	1.85	0.10	.06
Attachment anxiety (M)					<i>b</i>	0.81	0.36	.03
Constant	<i>i</i> ₁	1.96	0.34	< .01	<i>i</i> ₂	.42	1.28	.74
		R ² = 0.20			R ² = 0.19			
		<i>F</i> (1, 79) = 3.39, <i>p</i> = .07			<i>F</i> (2, 78) = 5.41, <i>p</i> = .06			

Note. X = independent variable, Y = dependent variable, M = mediator

Table 4. Model coefficients for the mediation through attachment anxiety of the effect of childhood emotional neglect on levels of depression in late life

		Consequent						
		Attachment anxiety (M)			Depression (Y)			
Antecedent		Coeff.	SE	P		Coeff.	SE	p
Emotional neglect (X)	<i>a</i>	0.06	0.03	.07	<i>c'</i>	1.83	0.12	.14
Attachment anxiety (M)					<i>b</i>	0.93	0.44	.04
Constant	<i>i</i> ₁	1.96	0.34	< .01	<i>i</i> ₂	1.30	1.58	.42
		R ² = 0.20			R ² = 0.31			
		<i>F</i> (1, 79) = 3.39, <i>p</i> = .07			<i>F</i> (2, 78) = 4.13, <i>p</i> = .02			

Note. X = independent variable, Y = dependent variable, M = mediator