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## Abstrak

Kekurangan jururawat merupakan satu daripada isu utama semua negara yang sedang membangun disebabkan oleh peningkatan niat untuk berhenti di kalangan jururawat. Kajian ini bertujuan untuk menganalisis kesan persekitaran kerja, komitmen organisasi dan niat untuk berhenti di kalangan jururawat psikiatrik di Punjab, Pakistan melalui kelesuan upaya kerja sebagai pengantara. Kaedah kajian tinjauan digunakan dan maklumat diperolehi melalui pengedaran soal selidik kepada jururawat psikiatrik. Seramai 305 responden mengambil bahagian dalam kajian ini melalui persampelan rawak mudah. Persekitaran kerja, komitmen organisasi dan niat untuk berhenti diukur dengan menggunakan *Work Environment Scale* (WES), *Organizational Commitment Scale* (OCS), dan *Intention To Quit Scale* (ITQS), manakala kelesuan upaya kerja diukur dengan menggunakan *Maslach Burnout Inventory Scale* (MBIS). Analisis statistik deskriptif dan inferensi digunakan untuk menganalisis data. Dua puluh lapan hipotesis telah diuji, 13 hipotesis telah diterima dan 15 hipotesis telah ditolak. Keputusan menunjukkan bahawa dari segi persekitaran kerja, terdapat hubungan yang signifikan di antara penglibatan, perpaduan rakan sebaya, tekanan kerja dan niat untuk berhenti. Hubungan yang tidak signifikan didapati antara sokongan penyelia, kejelasan dan keselesaan fizikal. Dari segi komitmen organisasi, terdapat hubungan yang signifikan antara komitmen afektif dan niat untuk berhenti manakala hubungan tidak signifikan ditemui di antara niat untuk berhenti dengan komitmen penerusan dan normatif. Penemuan ini menunjukkan bahawa kelesuan upaya kerja menjadi pengantara hubungan antara penglibatan, perpaduan rakan sebaya, keselesaan fizikal dan niat untuk berhenti di samping menjadi pengantara kepada hubungan di antara komitmen normatif dan niat untuk berhenti. Dapatan kajian ini menyumbang kepada disiplin ilmu dan dapat membantu penggubal dasar dan pihak pengurusan hospital mengurangkan niat untuk berhenti di kalangan jururawat psikiatrik.

**Kata kunci:** Persekitaran kerja, Komitmen organisasi, Niat untuk berhenti, Kelesuan upaya kerja, Jururawat psikiatrik.

## Abstract

The shortage of nurses is one of the crucial issues in developing countries due to increased intention to quit among nurses. The aim of this study was to analyze the relationship between work environment, organizational commitment and intention to quit among psychiatric nurses in Punjab, Pakistan through the mediating role of job burnout. A survey method was utilized and information was gathered by distributing questionnaire to psychiatric nurses. A total of 305 respondents participated in this study via simple random sampling. Work environment, organizational commitment and intention to quit were measured by using the Work Environment Scale (WES), Organizational Commitment Scale (OCS) and Intention To Quit Scale (ITQS), while job burnout was measured by using the Maslach Burnout Inventory Scale (MBIS). Descriptive and inferential statistical analyses were used to analyze the data. Twenty eight hypotheses were tested, thirteen hypotheses were accepted and fifteen were rejected. Results indicated that with regards to work environment, there were significant relationships between involvement, peer cohesion, work pressure and intention to quit. Insignificant relationships were found between supervisors support, clarity and physical comfort. With regards to organizational commitment, there were significant relationships between affective commitment and intention to quit while insignificant relationships were found between intention to quit with continuance and normative commitment. These findings signify that job burnout mediated the relationships between involvement, peer cohesion, physical comfort and intention to quit as well as mediating the relationship between normative commitment and intention to quit. The findings of this study contribute to the body of knowledge and may assist policy makers and hospital management to reduce the intention to quit among psychiatric nurses.

**Keywords:** Work environment, Organizational commitment, Intention to quit, Job burnout, Psychiatric nurses.

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## List of Abbreviations

WEI	Involvement
WEP	Peer Cohesion
WES	Supervisors Support
WEP <sub>r</sub>	Work Pressure
WEC	Clarity
WEPH	Physical Comfort
OCA	Affective Commitment
OCC	Continuance Commitment
OCN	Normative Commitment
ITQ	Intention to Quit
JB	Job Burnout



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# CHAPTER ONE

## INTRODUCTION

*“Nursing is more than the sum of its parts. Any health system needs nurses who are intellectually able and emotionally aware and who can combine technical, clinical skills with a deep understanding and ability to care, as one human to another. This is a constant of nursing. It is the base value on which public trust rests and the profession is grounded. As a profession, it is our promise to society”.* (p.63) (Beasley, 2006).

### 1.1 Background of the Study

The need for health care and nursing is as strong as it has ever been. In the world, in health sector, nurses are an essential resource and they are central to the delivery of 21<sup>st</sup> century healthcare (Graffitists, 2000). The role of nurses in the health sector is inevitable and they need to be motivated. According to United kingdom Central Council’s report on *health care futures* (Warner, Longley & Gould,1998), in the future decades, nursing will characterize a high degree of scientific rationality and technical competence while retaining its human qualities and continuing to find the time to express them. All medical nurses need to work really hard. As far as their profession is concerned, they not only care for those patients who are ill, but for those who are financially unstable thus giving them extra care. While working in healthcare centers, 24 hours care is provided by nurses to the society’s vulnerable population (Erlen & Sereika, 1997).

The primary job of nurses in health care center is to take care of patients and to provide the best possible support to the ailing people. Those nurses who work in psychiatric

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## **Appendix A**

### **Questionnaire**

#### **WORK ENVIRONMENT, ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT AND INTENTION TO QUIT AMONG NURSES: THE MEDIATING ROLE OF JOB BURNOUT**

**Dear Nurses**

I am conducting research on the work environment, organizational commitment and intention to quit among nurses: The mediating role of job burnout of the nurses from Pakistan, through this survey questionnaire. There is no right or wrong answer to the questions, all data collected will be kept confidential and used for the research purpose only. Therefore your objective opinion in answering these questions will be highly valuable. For each statement, please, circle the number that indicates the extent to which you agree or disagree with the statement. 1. STRONGLY DISAGREE 2. DISAGREE 3. NEUTRAL 4. AGREE 5. STRONGLY AGREE

Your participation is very important for this research. I sincerely appreciate your time and efforts for participation in this survey.

Sincerely

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**(A). Work Environment Scale**

**1.** The work is really challenging.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**2.** There's not much group spirit.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**3.** A lot of people seem to be just putting in time.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**4.** People seem to take pride in the organization.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**5.** People put quite a lot of effort into what they do.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**6.** Few people ever volunteer.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**7.** It is quite a lively place.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**8.** It is hard to get people to do any extra work.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**9.** The work is usually very interesting.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**10.** People go out of their way to help a new employee feel comfortable.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**11.** The atmosphere is somewhat impersonal.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**12.** People take a personal interest in each other.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**13.** Employees rarely do things together after work.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**14.** People are generally frank about how they feel.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**15.** Employees often eat lunch together.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**16.** Employees who differ greatly from the others in the organization don't get on well.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**17.** Employees often talk to each other about their personal problems.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**18.** Often people make trouble by talking behind other's back.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**19.** Supervisors tend to talk down to employees.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**20.** Supervisors usually compliment an employee who does something well.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**21.** Supervisors tend to discourage criticism from employees.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**22.** Supervisors expects far too much from employees.

Strongly disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly agree

**23.** Supervisors usually give full credit to ideas contributed by employees.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**24.** Supervisors often criticize employees over minor things.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**25.** Employees generally feel free to ask for a raise.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**26.** Employees discuss their personal problems with supervisors.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**27.** Supervisors really stand up for their people.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**28.** There is constant pressure to keep working.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**29.** There always seems to be urgency about everything.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**30.** People cannot afford to relax.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**31.** Nobody works too hard.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**32.** There is no time pressure.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**33.** It is very hard to keep up with your workload.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**34.** You can take it easy and still get your work done.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**35.** There are always deadlines to be met.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**36.** People often have to work overtime to get their work done.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**37.** Things are sometimes pretty disorganized.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**38.** Activities are well-planned.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**39.** Rules and regulations are somewhat vague and ambiguous.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**40.** The responsibilities of supervisors are clearly defined.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**41.** The details of assigned jobs are generally explained to employees.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**42.** Employees are often confused about exactly what they are supposed to do.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**43.** Fringe benefits are fully explained to the employees.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**44.** Rules and policies are constantly changing.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**45.** Supervisors encourage employees to be neat and orderly.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**46.** It sometimes gets too hot (room conditions).

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**47.** The lighting is extremely good (room conditions).

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**48.** Work place is awfully crowded.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**49.** This place has a stylish and modern appearance.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**50.** The place could stand some new interior decorations.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**51.** The colors and decorations make the place warm and cheerful to work in.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**52.** It is rather drafty (disorganized) at times.



Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**53.** The furniture is usually well arranged.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**54.** The rooms are well ventilated.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**(B). Organizational Commitment Scale**

**1.** I feel a strong sense of belonging to hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**2.** I feel emotionally attached to hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**3.** I would be happy to work at hospital until I retire.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**4.** Working at hospital is a great deal of personal interest to me.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**5.** I am proud to tell others that I work at hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**6.** I enjoy discussing hospital with people outside of it.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**7.** I really feel that many problems faced by hospital are also my problems.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**8.** I do not feel like part of family hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**9.** Hospital does not deserve my loyalty.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**10.** Too much in my life would be disrupted if I decided I wanted to leave hospital now.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**11.** It would be very hard for me to leave hospital right now even if I wanted to.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**12.** Right now, staying with hospital is a matter of necessity as much as desire.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**13.** One of the reasons I continue to work for hospital is that leaving would require considerable sacrifices i.e., another organization may not match the overall benefits I have here.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**14.** One of the serious consequences of leaving hospital would be the scarcity of available alternatives

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**15.** It would not be too costly for me to leave hospital now.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**16.** I am not concerned about what might happen if I left hospital without having another position lined up.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**17.** It would be wrong to leave hospital right now because of my obligation to the people in it.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**18.** Hospital deserves my loyalty.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**19.** I would feel guilty if I left hospital now.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**20.** I owe a great deal to hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**21.** I do not feel any obligation to remain with hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**22.** Even if it were to my advantage, I do not feel like it would be right to leave hospital now.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**(C). Intention to Quit Scale**

**1.** I think a lot about leaving the hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**2.** I am actively searching for an alternative to the hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**3.** As soon as it is possible, I will leave the hospital.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**(D). Job Burnout Scale**

**1.** I feel emotionally drained.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**2.** I feel used up at the end of the day.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**3.** I feel fatigued when I get up in the morning and have to face another day on the job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**4.** I can easily understand how my recipients feel about things.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**5.** I feel I treat some recipients as if they were impersonal “objects.”

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**6.** Working with people all day is really a strain for me.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**7.** I deal very efficiently with the problems of my recipients.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**8.** I feel burned out from my work.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**9.** I have become more callous towards people since I took this job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**10.** I feel I am positively influencing other people's lives through my work. I have become more callous towards people since I took this job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**11.** I worry that this job is hardening me emotionally.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**12.** I feel very energetic.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**13.** I feel frustrated by my job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**14.** I feel I am working too hard on my job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**15.** I don't really care what happens to some recipients.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**16.** Working directly with people puts too much stress on me.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**17.** I can easily create a relaxed atmosphere with my recipients.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**18.** I feel exhilarated after working closely with my recipients.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**19.** I have accomplished many worthwhile things in this job.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**20.** I feel like I am at the end of my rope.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**21.** In my work I deal with emotional problems very calmly.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**22.** I feel recipients blame me for some of their problems.

Strongly Disagree 1 2 3 4 5 Strongly Agree

**(E).Demographics:**

**1. What is your age?**

**2. What is your marital status?**

Single

Married

Divorced

Widowed

**3. What is your level of Nursing Education?**

**Diploma in nursing**

AND

BSN

MSN

**Bachelor degree, other (specify)**

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Master degree, other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many years you have been a registered nurse?

1. Employment status:

Permanent

Contract

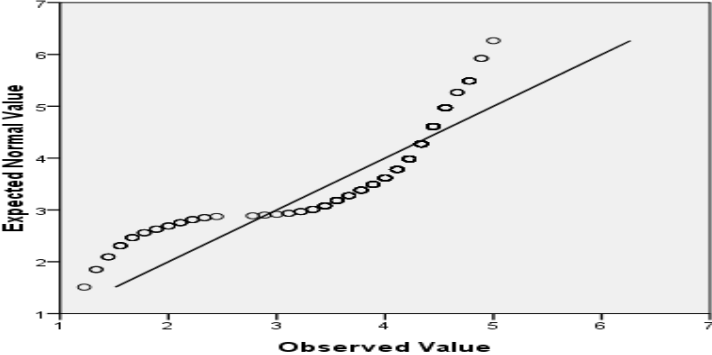
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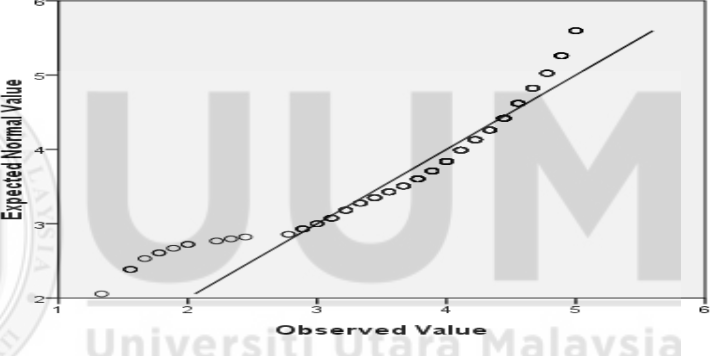
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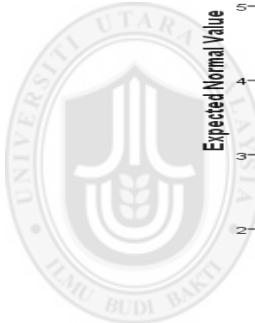
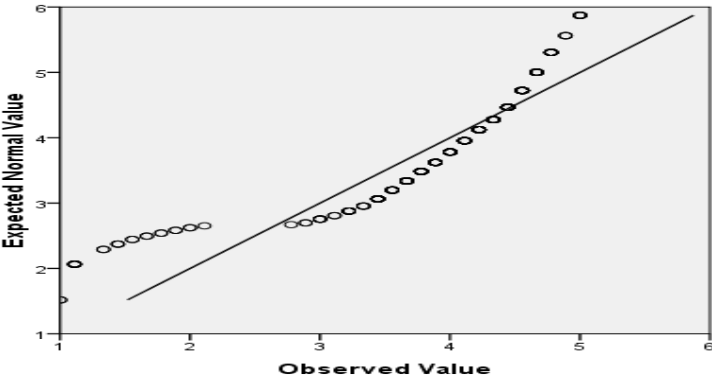
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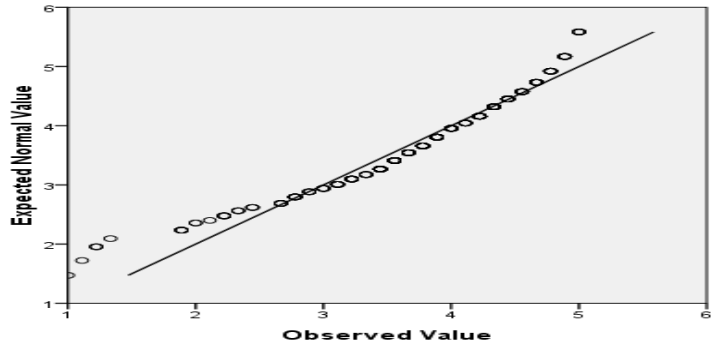
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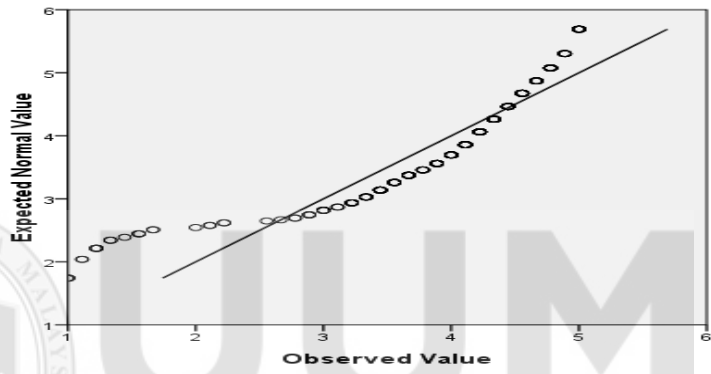
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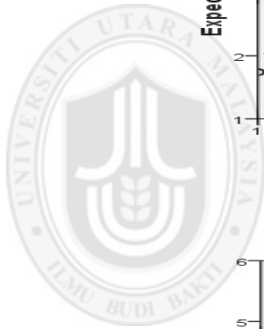
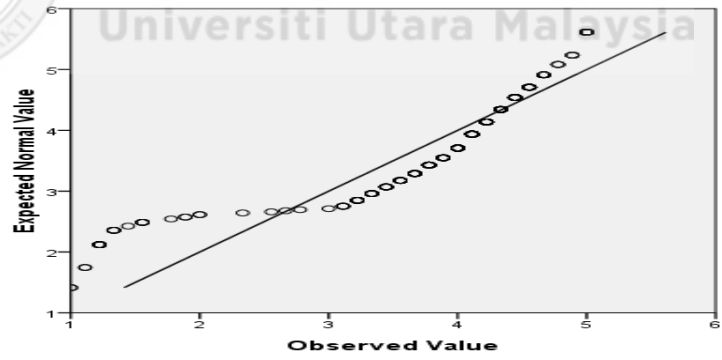
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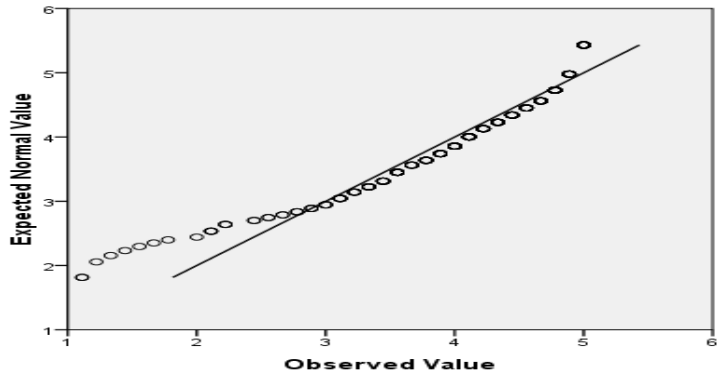
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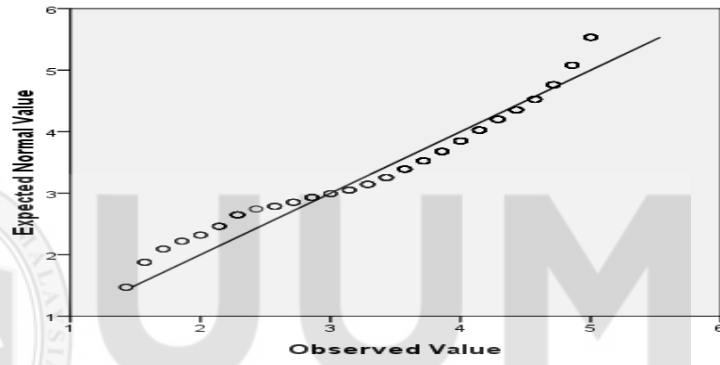
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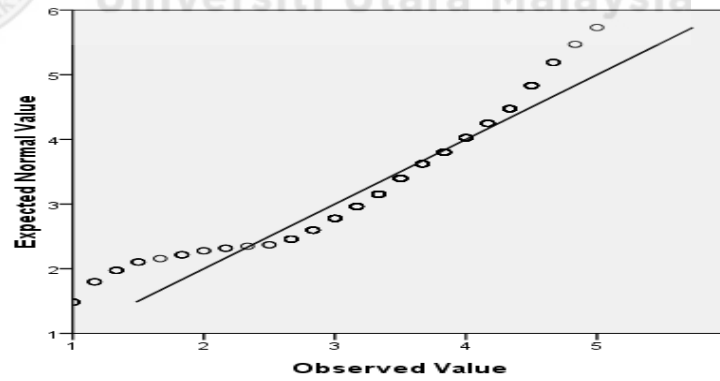
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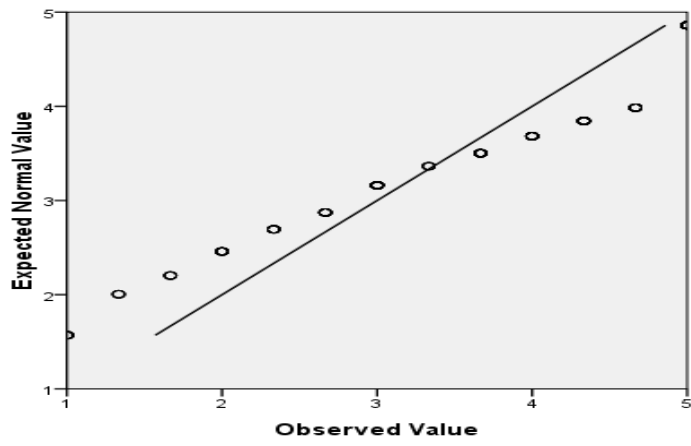


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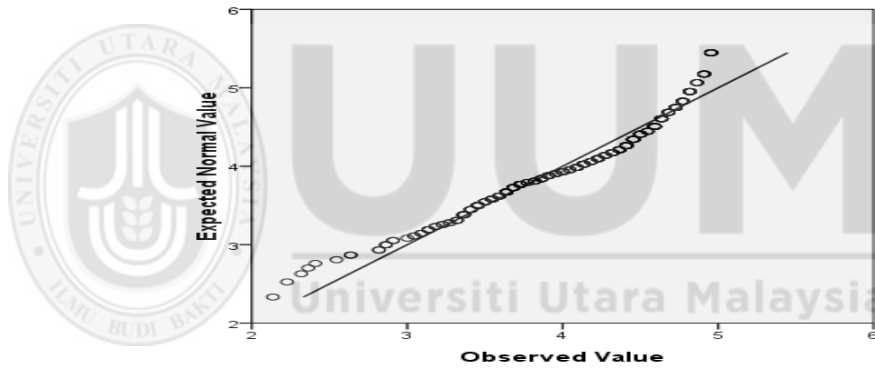


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Normal Q-Q Plot of ITQ

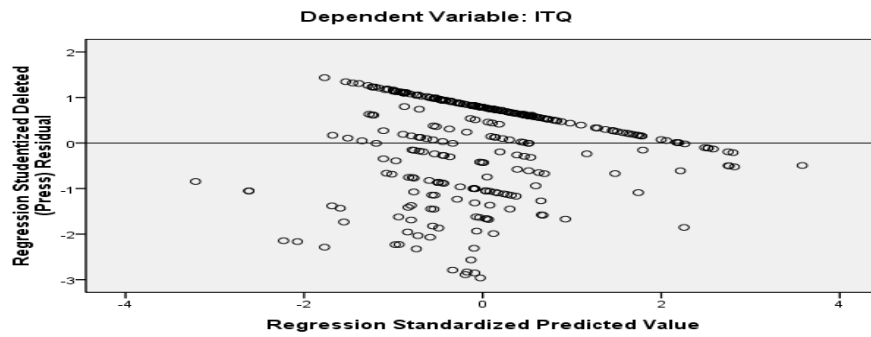


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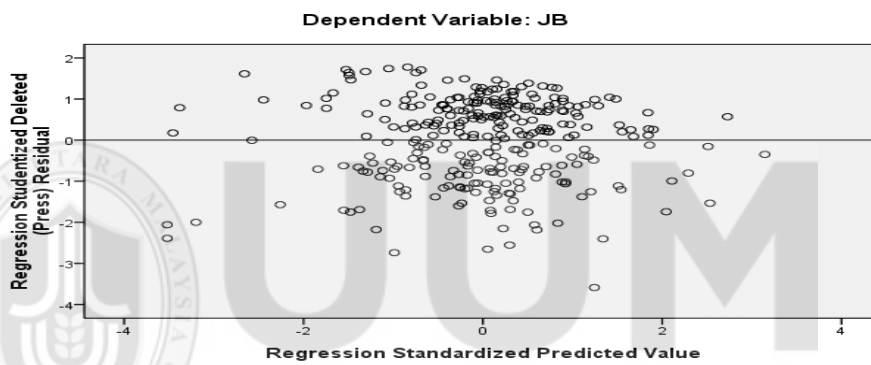


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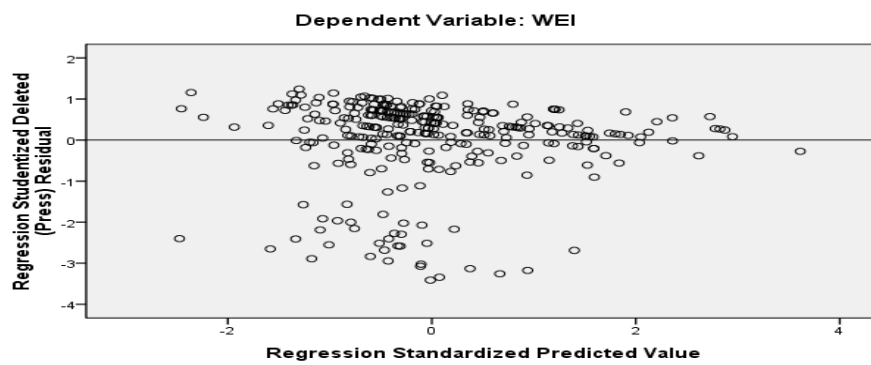
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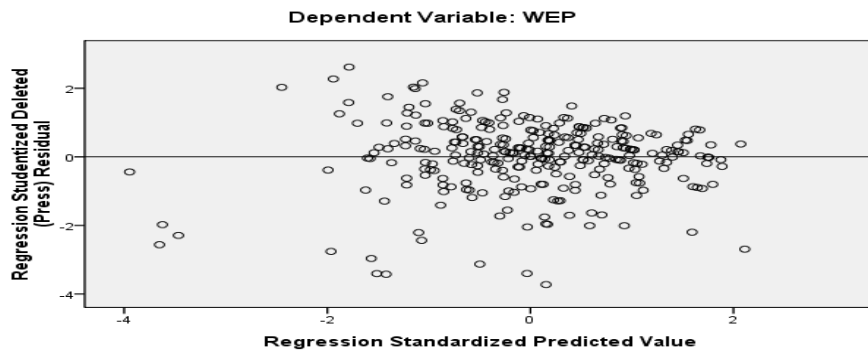
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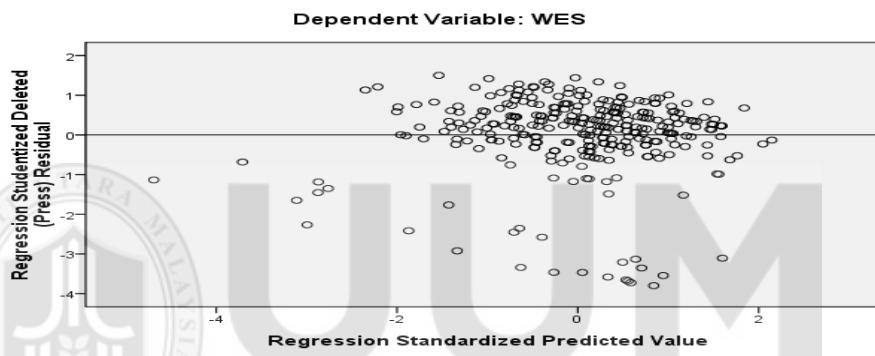
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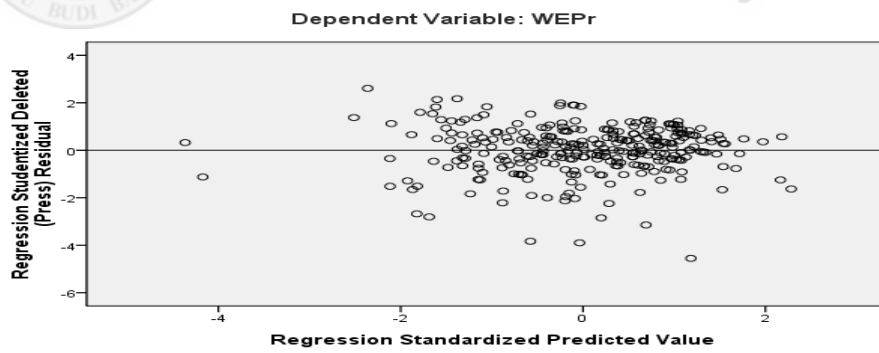
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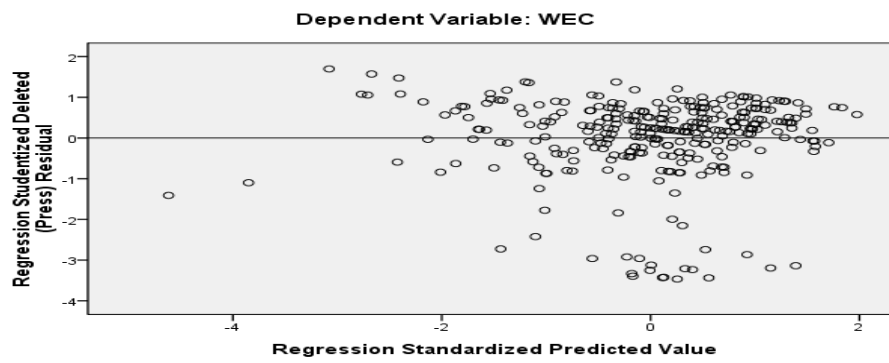
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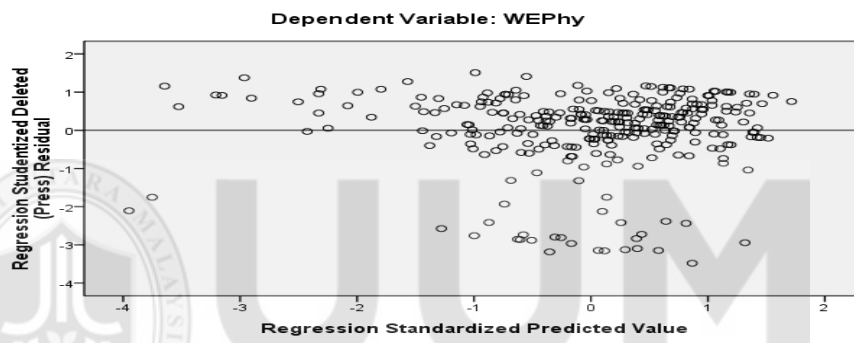
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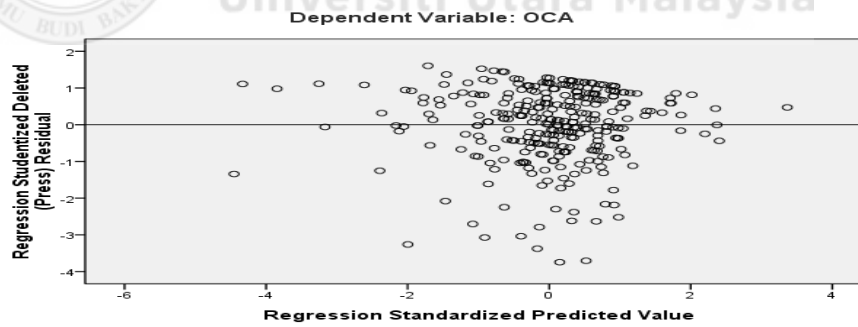
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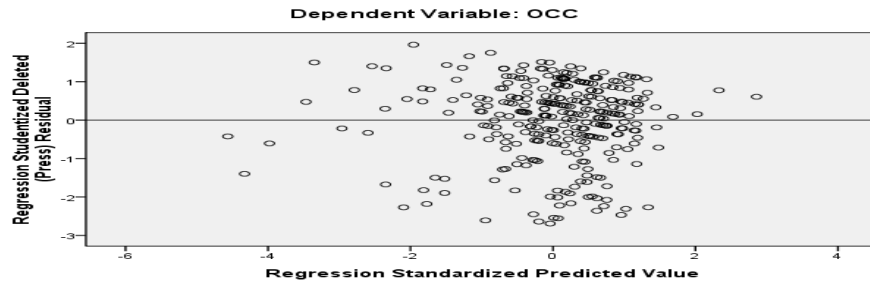
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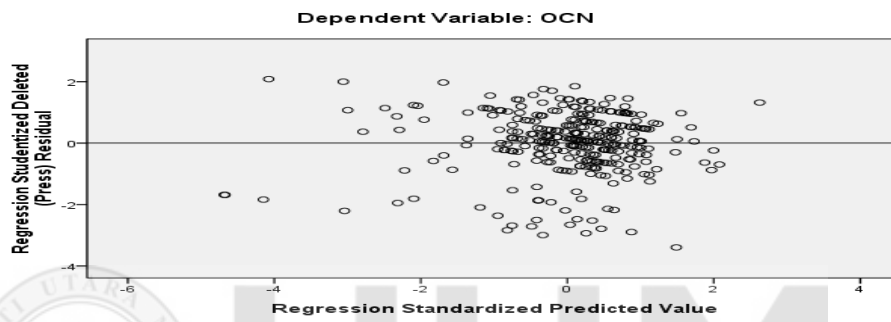
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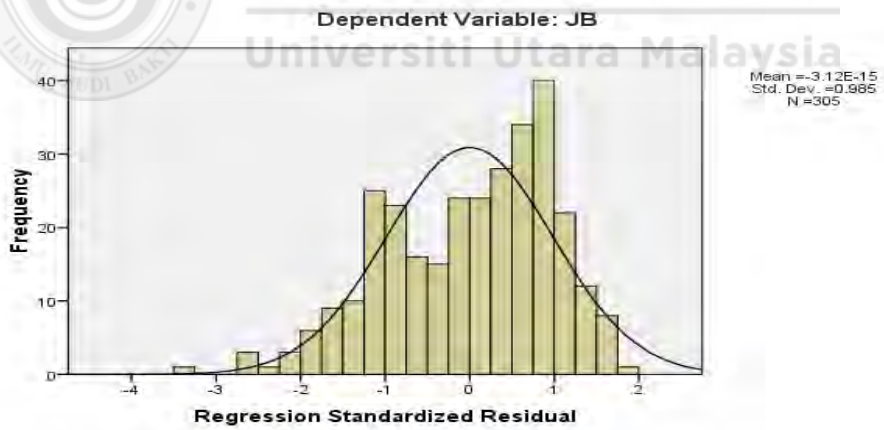
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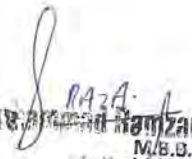
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Now, she needs to collect data from Punjab province, of Punjab, Pakistan. This is purely an academic exercise. Please help her to fill the questionnaire. We ensure complete anonymity and confidentiality of the information provided by your organizations. This research is under taken to fulfill the requirement of thesis for PhD degree at the University Utara Malaysia (UUM).

I would therefore value your kind assistance and valuable time in completing data collection. Your cooperation in making this research a success is greatly appreciated.

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## CONSENT FORM

**Title of Study:** Work Environment, Organizational Commitment and Intention to Quit among Nurses: The Mediating Role of Job Burnout

Please initial all boxes

- I understand that the questionnaire will be conducted in person and that it will take approximately 30 minuts of my time to complete.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary and any information I provide will be kept confidential, used only for the purposes of completing this assignment, and will not be used in any way that can identify me.
- I have read the information above. By signing below and returning this form, I am consenting to participate in this questionnaire project as designed by the below named researcher.
- I agree to take part in the above study.



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Name of Participant

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Date

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Signature

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Taking consent.