HYPOTHESES

Based on the review of literature, the following hypotheses were proposed:

1. Recovery from bypass surgery* was expected to be negatively related to Marital Adjustment.

2. Recovery from bypass surgery was expected to be negatively related to Positive Emotion Oriented Coping Style.

3. Recovery from bypass surgery was expected to be negatively related to Dimensions of Psychological Well–Being viz. Self Acceptance, Positive Relations with Others, Autonomy, Environmental Mastery, Purpose in Life, and Personal Growth.

4. Recovery from bypass surgery was expected to be negatively related to Optimism.

5. Recovery from bypass surgery was expected to be positively related to Perceived Stress and Stress Symptoms.

6. Recovery from bypass surgery was expected to be positively related to Negative Emotion Oriented Coping Style.

7. Gender differences were expected in Marital Adjustment, Coping Styles, Perceived Stress, Stress Symptoms, Dimensions of Psychological Well–Being, and Optimism.

*Since a low score on the Recovery Process Questionnaire (Pourang and Besharat, 2008) indicates better recovery, an inverse relationship was expected between recovery process and protective factors viz. Marital Adjustment, Positive Emotion Oriented Coping Style, Dimensions of Psychological Well Being, and Optimism. On the other hand a positive relationship was expected with risk factors such as, Stress Symptoms, Perceived Stress and Negative Emotion Oriented Coping Style.