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Abstract

Background Considerable research has investigated the in uencing factors of cyberloa ng in the workplace. However, few studies have focused on the antecedents in non-work elds, especially for nurses. According to the e ort-reward imbalance theory, this study aims to explore the spillover e ect of after-hours electronic communication on nurses' cyberloa ng, and the mediating role of psychological contract breach.

Methods A total of 282 nurses completed the online survey. PROCESS macro for SPSS was used to test how afterhour electronic communication a ect nurses' cyberloa ng.

Results After-hours electronic communication has a signi cant positive impact on nurses' cyberloa ng, and psychological contract breach plays a mediating role in the m [(on nlcscnhip)9611(.)]TJ ET EMC /P<</Lang(en-US)/MCID976>>BDC

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Table 1Demographic characteristics (n = 282)

Demographics	Classification	Frequency	Percent	Cumu- lative Percent
Gender	Female	266	94.3	94.3
	Male	16	5.7	100.0
Age (years)	20	11	3.9	3.9
5 5 ,	21–30	190	67.4	71.3
	31-40	60	21.3	92.6
	> 40	21	7.4	100.0
Clinical tenure	5	150	53.2	53.2
(years)	6–10	67	23.8	77.0
	11–15	35	12.4	89.4
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Table 2	Descriptive	statistics	and	correlation	matrix

ariables	Mean	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Gender	0.06	0.232							
2. Age (years)	2.32	0.668	-0.103						
3. Clinical tenure (years)	1.87	1.170	-0.096	0.852**					
4. Education level	2.39	0.570	-0.062	0.207**	0.122*				
5. AEC	3.37	0.938	-0.021	0.040	-0.063	0.070	(0.716)		
6. Psychological contract breach	3.60	0.921	0.040	0.078	-0.009	0.148*	0.503**	(0.738)	
7. Cyberloa ng	3.53	0.879	0.027	0.022	-0.107	0.198**	0.572**	0.611**	(0.712)
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cal contract	PC2	0.716					(<i>n</i> =282	2)		-
breach (PC)	PC3	0.692					3.37, 3.6	0 3.53		
	PC4	0.736						0.938, 0.921	0.879.	А
Cyberloa ng	CY1	0.771	0.901	0.507				,	AEC	
(CY)	CY2	0.768						,		(<i>r</i> =0.503,
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Table 4 Comparison of competition models

Models	2	df	² /df	CFI	IFI	TLI	RMSEA
Three-factor model	264.549	101	2.619	0.924	0.925	0.910	0.076
Two-factor model 1	366.576	103	3.559	0.878	0.879	0.858	0.095
Two-factor model 2	434.715	103	4.221	0.847	0.848	0.821	0.107
One-factor model	516.234	104	4.964	0.81	0.811	0.780	0.119

Note(s): Treene-ato e sAEC+psy noo ⁹ a ontatosear+yone o afin⁹; two-ato e 1 sAEC+psy noo ⁹ a ontatosear an yone o afin⁹; two-ato e 2 sAEC an psy noo ⁹ a ontatosear+yone o afin⁹; tretree-ato e sAEC, psy noo ⁹ a ontatosear an yone o afin⁹;

Table 5 Mediating e ect analysis

ariables	Cyberloafing			Psycholo	Psychological contract breach			Cyberloafing		
		SE	р		SE	p		SE	p	
Gender	0.155	0.183	0.396	0.237	0.205	0.249	0.062	0.165	0.707	
Age	0.227	0.124	0.068	0.152	0.140	0.279	0.168	0.112	0.135	
Clinical tenure	-0.176	0.070	0.012	-0.062	0.079	0.433	-0.152	0.063	0.017	

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Abbreviations

AEC After-hours electronic communication

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Data Availability

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Declarations

Ethics approval and consent to participate

The research design was approved by the biomedical research ethics committee of Medical College of Hebei Engineering University. Data privacy and con dentiality were maintained and assured by obtaining subjects' informed consent to participate in the research. All methods were performed in accordance with the relevant guidelines and regulations.

Consent for publication

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