# The Effect of Work Life Balance on Organizational Commitment and Turnover Intention: The Moderating Role of Perceived Organizational Support\*

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#### **Abstract**

The purpose of the current study is to examine the relationship between work life balance, organizational commitment (OC) and turnover intention (TIN) with the moderating effect of perceived organizational support. More specifically, this study analyzes how maintaining work life balance affects OC and employee's intention to leave, and explore if POS moderates the relationship between work life balance, OC and TIN. Ultimately, this study aims to stress the importance of work life balance and provide guidelines and insights to human resources professionals in order for them to enhance employee's perceptions of organizational support, strengthen OC and lower turnover rate. Results showed that the work-leisure and work-growth balance were found to be positively related to affective commitment (AC). The work-family balance was found to be positively related to continuance commitment (CC) and the work-growth balance was found to be positively related to normative commitment (NC). For the effects of the balance between work and life on TIN, TIN was found to be negatively related to both work-family balance and workgrowth balance. Regarding the moderating effects of perceived organizational support (POS) on the relationship between work-life balance and OC, it was found that POS moderated the relationship between work-family balance and OC depending on the type of OC respectively. However, the effects of perceived emotional support on TIN also had no moderating effect. Therefore, this study suggests that human resource and training personnel need to provide institutional and emotional support by understanding the importance of maintaining work and life balance of employee to increase employees' productivity and commitment to the organization and decrease turnover rate. The implications of these results for the Effect of Work Life Balance on OC and TIN research and practices are discussed.

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#### 1 Introduction

Perhaps it can be stated that it is part of life people may experience dispute between work and individual life as people continue to pursue the quality of life that people need and want. In a society where people now face new challenges such as global competition, family values, increasing participation of women in the workforce, and dual-earner and single parent families, the demand for work-life balance by employees and managers has been increasing at an unprecedented rate in the past few years, and finding a balance between work and life has become a predominant issue in the corporate and government sectors. Historically, work-life balance issues have been considered personal issues (Emslie and Hunt, 2009), and organizations have just provided to their workforce' needs such as paid maternity leave in the workplace and childcare service. Yet, along with environmental shifts and value changes of employees, workforce' desire for work-life balance has raised and organizations have now offered more active support of their employees' work-life balance (Thornthwaite 2004). Muse et al. (2008) argued that organizations pay their attention and make an effort to support employees in the modern business environment is inevitable if their business become successful as committed workforce are apt to produce better employee performance and low employee turnover (Meyer et al. 2002). Thus, the following section will present a conceptual account of the prior literature on work-life balance associated with organizational commitment, turnover intention and perceived organizational support.

#### 2. Literature Review

Research on work-life balance in Korea has shifted from focusing on a 'work orient-ed'view to placing more importance on 'personal life', especially after the implementation of the five day work week system in July 2004. Previous research showed that work-life balance is associated with employee work-related outcomes (i.g., organizational commitment (OC), turnover intentions (TIN) (Grawitch et al. 2007, Huang et al. 2007, Lockwood 2003). An organization's efforts to help employees achieve work-life balance enhances perceptions of organizational support to the extent they signal to an employee that he or she is particularly valued by the organization, and in return, employees will be strongly committed to the organization (Loi et al. 2006). More specifically, work-life balance programs such as flexible work schedules, condensed working

week, and childcare assistance lead to employee OC, retention of qualified employees, job satisfaction, organizational effectiveness, organizational citizenship behavior (OCB) as well as reduced TIN (Lockwood 2003, Yucel 2012). Previous studies also showed that perceived organizational support (POS) is significantly associated with OC and TIN because it influences employees'willingness to work harder and become attached to the organization (Loi et al. 2006).

The purpose of this study was to examine the moderating effect of POS on the relationship between work-life balance, OC and TIN. Ultimately, this study aims to stress the importance of work-life balance and provide guidelines and insights for human resources professionals to enhance employees' perceptions of organizational support, strengthen OC, and lower turnover rate. The following sections will discuss each of these key concepts.

#### 2.1. Work-Life Balance

Work-life balance is a state of equilibrium in which the demands of both an employee's job and personal life are equal (Lockwood 2003). According to Morf (1989), 'Work' mainly refers to one's job or task, work environment, and job-related value at the micro level. Previous studies define 'Life' as family life; therefore past work-life balance studies focused more on work-family conflict, work-family facilitation and enrichment (Edwards and Rothbard 2000, Greenhaus and Beutell 1985, Frone 2003, Greenhaus and Powell 2006). Greenhaus and Beutell (1985) defined work and family life conflict as a form of inter-role conflict in which the role pressures from work and family domains are mutually incompatible. Previous studies have focused on investigating how to achieve a 'balance' between work and life without considering the impact on employees' OC and TIN. Frone et al. (1992) stated that a balanced engagement in work and family roles is associated with individual well-being because such balance reduced work-family conflict and stress, both of which detract from well-being. Greenhaus et al. (2003) stressed that work-life balance is successfully attained when individuals are committed and satisfied across their work and life roles. Consequently, employees who have optimal worklife balance are more likely to remain with their organization.

Recent studies view 'Life' as non-work which includes all areas of personal and family life except work. However, this conceptualization of 'work'as being separate from 'family' or 'non-work' has always been unclear in the past and is still a matter of debate among researchers (Brocklehurst 2001).

This study considers 'Life' as non-work which is outside family responsibilities and aims to examine work-life balance as proposed by Kim and Park (2008) who divide work-life balance into three categories: work-family balance, work-leisure (social activ-

ities, health) balance and work-growth (education, personal development) balance. Employees who achieve a balance in these areas are thus more likely to remain committed to their organization and consequently have a lower turnover intention.

# 2.2. Organizational Commitment (OC)

OC is described as a psychological state that influences an individual's behavior and binds the individual to the organization, according to Meyer and Allen (1991). OC reflects the extent to which employees identify with an organization and are committed to its goals (Nitesh et al. 2013). In other words, it characterizes the employee's relationship with the organization and alters his or her decision to belong or not belong in the organization (Meyer and Allen 1991).

This study examines OC in terms of the three components in Meyer and Allen's (1990) model of OC: affective commitment (AC), normative commitment (NC) and continuance commitment (CC). The AC of OC refers to "employees'e motional attachment to, identification with, and involvement in, the organization" (Meyer and Allen 1990). Employees with high AC correlate personal goals with goals of the organization and have a strong desire to be a part of the organization. Meyer and Allen (1997) claim that AC mainly develops through personal fulfillment and employees who associate their well-being with the organization are likely to form an affective attachment to the organization. AC has been found to correlate with a need for achievement, affiliation autonomy and locus of control and self-efficacy (Mathieu and Zajac 1990, Meyer et al. 2002). Therefore employees who perceive their organization as supporting them affectively will have a higher AC, and as a result, will be more likely to remain with their organization.

In contrast, CC refers to "commitment based on the costs that employees associate with leaving the organization" (Meyer and Allen 1990). Costs such as economic costs and social costs are related to the level of employees' CC and if the benefit of staying with an organization is insufficient, they are more likely to leave the organization (Aggarwal-Gupta et al. 2010, Becker 1960). In summary, these employees with CC feel that they 'need to' stay with the organization (Meyer and Allen 1990) rather than any strong desire to do so. CC positively correlates with absenteeism, stress and work-family conflict, but negatively correlates with job performance.

Finally, NC refers to "employees' feelings of obligation to remain with the organization" (Meyer and Allen 1990). NC has a positive relationship with work attendance, job performance, OCB (Meyer et al. 2002) and employees with high levels of NC feel that they 'ought to' remain in the organization (Meyer and Allen 1990). Meyer et al.'s (2002) conceptualization of NC includes reciprocity of benefits received from the organization.

Work-life balance measures implemented by an organization could fall under the category of benefits received, and thus strengthen employees' perceptions of organizational support which in turn would increase commitment to the organization. As such, with regard to effect of the work-life balance on OC, the following hypothesis is made:

Hypothesis 1: Work life balance will be positively related to organizational commitment.

## 2.3. Turnover Intention (TIN)

TIN is defined as the mediating factor between attitudes affecting intent to leave and leaving an organization (Glissmeyer et al. 2008). Much of the literature has focused on identifying the factors influencing TIN. There could be a range of influential factors in employees' decision to remain with their organization. For example, a study focusing on TIN of nurses showed that turnover intention was influenced by work-related factors such as time pressure and quality of care, lack of autonomy, work schedule difficulties, dissatisfaction with pay as well as work-related social support (Estryn-beehar et al. 2010).

Previous studies have found that OC has a strong negative relationship with TIN. This is because employees with higher OC are willing to go beyond the minimum requirements of their duties and are more likely to remain with the organization compared to employees with lower OC, therefore reducing TIN (Meyer and Allen 1991).

In a meta-analysis of the antecedents and correlation to employee turnover, organizational support was one of the main predictors of employee TIN (Griffeth et al. 2000). Employees who received family-responsive support from their organization, thus achieving greater work-life balance were also found to demonstrate stronger OC and lower TIN (Grover and Crooker 1995). As such, with regard to effect of the work-life balance on TIN, the following hypothesis is made:

Hypothesis 2: Work life balance will be negatively related to turnover intention.

## 2.4. Perceived Organizational Support (POS)

POS is a set of global beliefs that employees develop about the extent to which the organization cares about their well-being and values their contributions (Eisenberger et al. 1986). Employees who experience high levels of POS incorporate organizational membership into self-identity and develop a positive emotional bond, or affective attachment, to the organization, and they feel the need to reciprocate favorable organizational treatment with behaviors that benefit the organization (Eisenberger et al. 1986, Nitesh et al. 2013). Affective attachment or emotional support is intangible support in which organizations help employees feel that they value and acknowledge employees' contribution and respect them (Yang 2009). Employees with "affective attachment

would increase performance by (a) raising the tendency to interpret the organization's gains and losses as the employee's own, (b) creating evaluation biases in judging the organization's actions and characteristics, and (c) increasing the internalization of the organization's values and norms". In contrast, calculative involvement or instrumental support is a form of direct support in which organizations provide employees material and non-material goods such as pay, promotion, rewards and information in order for them to achieve work performance goals (Yang 2009).

In relation to POS, social exchange theory applies the norm of reciprocity to socioemotional benefits and material benefits that are exchanged between employees and organizations (Blau 1964, Gouldner 1960, Shore et al. 2006). The exchanged resources may include material goods, information and socioemotional outcomes such as pay, promotion, rewards, approval, respect and caring (Shore et al. 2006, Nitesh et al. 2013). In addition, POS contributes to employee well-being by providing socioemotional needs such as affiliation and emotional support, according to organizational support theory (Eisenberger et al. 1997, Rhoades and Eisenberger 2002).

A Korean-based study on hotel employees' POS and organizational effectiveness identified two subcategories: operational or instrumental, and emotional support (Yang 2009). The study found that instrumental support has a significantly positive effect on job satisfaction, negative effect on TIN and no significant effect on OC. In addition, emotional support has a significantly positive effect on OC, negative effect on TIN and no significant effect on job satisfaction. On the other hand, both instrumental support and emotional support were found to have a positive relationship with empowerment and organizational trust. These findings indicate that strengthening instrumental support in an organization enhances employee's job satisfaction and fostering emotional support in an organization increases employee's OC. Furthermore, providing POS enhances employee's empowerment and organizational trust and decreases intention to leave. This study examines employees' POS, specifically instrumental support and emotional support (Eisenberger et al. 1990). It aims to investigate whether POS has a moderating effect between work-life balance and OC and consequently, on TIN. Thus, the following hypotheses are made:

Hypothesis 3: Perceived organizational support will have moderating effects between work life balance and organizational commitment.

Hypothesis 4: Perceived organizational support will have moderating effects between work life balance and turnover intention.

#### 3. Method

## 3.1. Participants and procedures

A survey was conducted with employees from randomly selected companies in Korea. Total of 430 surveys were distributed and 387 surveys were collected. The response of 349 people was used for analysis (271 males and 78 females). In performing this present research, poorly-answered surveys were excluded among the collected data for statistical processing. Specific analysis measures used are as follows. First, the research performed frequency analysis to find the general characteristics of the research subjects. Second, the research assessed reliability test for each item and examined predictability, accuracy and others. Principle component analysis was used as a validity analysis to group inquiries based on the factors for further analysis. Next, this research employed correlation analysis in order to examine the relationships with relevant variables. For a closer look at the result of the correlation analysis, regression analysis was performed. The analysis in this research followed the significance level of p<.05.

#### 3.2. Measures

#### 3.2.1 Work Life Balance

Work-life balance is a state of equilibrium in which the demands of both a person's job and personal life are equal, according to Lockwood (2003). The sub-variables of work life balance are work-family balance, work-leisure balance and work-growth balance. Work life balance is measured with 25 items introduced by Kim and Park (2008) on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree).

## 3.2.2 Organizational Commitment (OC)

OC is a psychological state that influences individual's behavior and binds the individual to the organization, according to Meyer and Allen (1991). The sub-variables of OC are AC, CC and NC. OC is measured with 24 items introduced by Meyer and Allen (1990) on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree).

# 3.2.3 Turnover Intention

TIN is the mediating factor between attitudes affecting intent to leave and actually leaving an organization, according to Glissmeyer et al. (2008). TIN is measured with 4 items introduced by Mitchel (1981) and Moore (2000) on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree).

## 3.2.4 Perceived Organizational Support (POS)

POS is a set of global beliefs that employees develop about the extent to which the

organization cares about their well-being and values their contributions, according to Eisenberger et al. (1986). The sub-variables of POS are instrumental support and emotional support. Perceived organizational support is measured with 17 items introduced by Eisenberger et al. (1990) and Yang (2009), on a 5-point Likert Scale (1=strongly disagree, 5=strongly agree).

#### 4 Results

# 4.1. Descriptions of basic information of the participants

Table 1 shows the socioeconomic characteristics of the participants. Multiple regression analysis was conducted for the effects of work life balance factors on OC. As a result, it was found that as for VIF, no multicollinearity problem existed between model 1 and 2 for all sub-categories of OC. For the effects of work life balance factors on AC inserting gender and age as controlled variables, age showed to have significant effect in model 1 (p<.01). In model 2, work-family factors showed no significant effect and work-leisure factors showed =-.138, exhibiting significant effect at the level of p<.05. Workgrowth factors were found to have =.527, having a significant positive effect (p<.001). The regression equation had the R<sup>2</sup> of 23%. Therefore, it was found that work-leisure and work-growth factors affected AC. For the effects of work life balance factors on CC, with gender and age as controlled variables, work-family factors showed =.121, exhibiting significant effect at the level of p<.05. Work-leisure factors and work-growth factors were found to have no significant effect. Therefore, it was found that work-family factors affected CC. For the effects of work life balance factors on NC, with gender and age as controlled variables, work-family factors showed =-.322, exhibiting significant effect at the level of p<.001. Work-growth factors showed =.243, exhibiting significant positive effect (p<.001). Therefore, it was found that work-family factors and work-growth factors have effects on NC. In other words, if work-family factors increase, NC decreases, and if work-growth factors increase, NC increases.

Multiple regression analysis was performed for the effects of work life balance factors on TIN. As a result, it was found that as for VIF, no multicollinearity problem existed between 1 and 2. With gender and age as controlled variables, work-family factors showed =-.140, exhibiting significant effect at the level of p<.01. Work-growth factors showed =-.340, exhibiting significant negative effect (p<.001). Therefore, it was found that work-family factors and work-growth factors have effects on TIN. In other words, as work-family factors and work-growth factors increase, TIN decreases.

Moderated regression analysis was conducted for the effects of POS on work life balance and OC with age and gender as controlled variables.

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics and Correlations

		Gender	Marriage	Age	High school graduation	2-year college
Gen	der	(1)				
Marr	iage	.204**	(1)			
Ag	Age		.520**	(1)		
	High School	.161**	.061	.053	(1)	
	2-year college	.100	.018	.053	274**	(1)
Education	4-year college	219**	080	162**	494**	503**
	Graduate school	.009	.026	.128*	168**	171**
	Manu- facturing	.305**	.001	011	.508**	.359**
Area of work	General Mgmt.	251**	027	067	361**	219**
	Others	043	.035	.102	146**	151**
Position	of work	.167**	.360**	.670**	152**	077
	Work-Family	145**	077	.000	106*	.013
Work Life	Work-Leisure	.025	006	.075	080	004
Balance	Work- Growth	.048	.026	.096	103	005
Perceived	ES	.011	.010	.065	079	015
Organizational Support	IS	.000	.120*	.156**	.055	058
	AC	.145**	.079	.194**	026	.008
OC	CC	151**	.117*	.204**	.004	.047
	NC	.069	.000	.123*	.094	.050
TI	N	138**	117*	274**	048	.002

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05, two-tailed. \*\*p<.01, two-tailed

Table 1 Descriptive Statistics and Correlations

Tuble 1 Descript	tive statistics and	4-year college	Graduate School	Manu- facturing	General Mgmt.	Others
Gen	der					
Marr	riage					
Ag	ge					
	High School					
	2-year college					
Education	4-year college	(1)				
	Graduate school	308**	(1)			
	Manu- facturing	584**	219**	(1)		
Area of work	General Mgmt.	.486**	016	692**	(1)	
	Others	.075	.290**	312**	470**	(1)
Position	of work	.049	.238**	361**	.188**	.194**
	Work-Family	.139**	107*	175**	.173**	013
Work Life	Work-Leisure	.114*	078	165**	.185**	041
Balance	Work- Growth	.136*	080	167**	.108*	.061
Perceived	ES	.058	.031	053	.000	.064
Organizational Support	IS	003	.010	002	071	.096
	AC	.009	.010	027	038	.084
OC	CC	057	.026	.018	.049	086
	NC	098	034	.076	045	034
TI	N	040	.133*	.017	.023	051

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05, two-tailed. \*\*p<.01, two-tailed

**Table 1** Descriptive Statistics and Correlations

	tive Statistics and	PW	Work- Family	Work- Leisure	Work- Growth	ES
Gen	der					
Marriage						
Ag	ge					
	High School					
	2-year college					
Education	4-year college					
	Graduate school					
	Manu- facturing					
Area of work	General Mgmt.					
	Others					
Position	of work	(1)				
	Work-Family	.058	(1)			
Work Life	Work-Leisure	.195**	.445**	(1)		
Balance	Work- Growth	.229**	.391**	.684**	(1)	
Perceived	ES	.220**	.015	.187**	.336**	(1)
Organizational Support	IS	.204**	.177**	.180**	.407**	.580**
	AC	.335**	.128*	.231**	.446**	.646**
OC	CC	.138**	.165**	.110*	.035	.081
	NC	.160**	199**	.083	.162**	.365**
TI	N	313**	299**	390**	471**	445**

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05, two-tailed. \*\*p<.01, two-tailed

 Table 1 Descriptive Statistics and Correlations

	ire statisties and	IS	AC	CC	NC	TIN
Gen	der					
Marr	iage					
Ag	ge					
	High School					
	2-year college					
Education	4-year college					
	Graduate school					
	Manu- facturing					
Area of work	General Mgmt.					
	Others					
Position	of work					
	Work-Family					
Work Life	Work-Leisure					
Balance	Work- Growth					
Perceived	ES					
Organizational Support	IS	(1)				
	AC	.670**	(1)			
OC	CC	.225**	.187**	(1)		
	NC	.370**	.408**	.223**	(1)	
TI	N	567**	664**	266**	358**	(1)

<sup>\*</sup>p<.05, two-tailed. \*\*p<.01, two-tailed

 Table 2 Effects of Work Life Balance Factors on Organizational Commitment and

 Turnover Intention

		Non- Standardized Coefficient		Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance Proba- bility	$R^2$	F				
		В	Standard Error	Beta		,						
	Dependent variable: Affective Commitment											
	(Constant)	3.146	.188		16.728	.000		7				
1	Gender	143	.098	083	-1.458	.146	.044	7. 88 ***				
	Age	.145	.051	.162	2.850**	.005						
	(Constant)	2.005	.237		8.474	.000						
	Gender	128	.089	074	-1.435	.152						
2	Age	.112	.046	.125	2.441*	.015	.237	21. 36				
2	Work-Family	005	.050	005	099	.91	.237	***				
	Work-Leisure	115	.056	13	-2.050*	.041						
	Work-Growth	.504	.063	.527	8.048***	.000						
	I	Depend	ent variable	e: Continuano	ce Commitr	nent						
	(Constant)	1.874	.183		10.224	.000		10				
1	Gender	.467	.096	.270	4.888***	.000	.103	19. 952 ***				
	Age	.277	.050	.307	5.574***	.000		.,,,,				
	(Constant)	.1543	.255		6.053	.000						
	Gender	.428	.096	.247	4.446***	.000						
2	Age	.270	.049	.301	5.478***	.000	107	10.				
2	Work-Family	.113	.054	.121	2.097*	.037	.127	003 ***				
	Work-Leisure	.094	.060	.112	15.61	.119						
	Work-Growth	102	.067	106	-1.516	.130						

	(Constant)	2.516	.185		13.598	.000		
1	Gender	043	.097	026	445	.657	.016	2. 753
	Age	.098	.050	.113	1.956	.051		
	(Constant)	2.680	.247		10.867	.000		
	Gender	.054	.093	.032	.578	.564		
2	Age	.093	.048	.108	1.955	.051	110	9. 266
2	Work-Family	289	.052	322	-5.552***	.000	.119	200 ***
	Work-Leisure	.043	.058	.053	.738	.461		
	Work-Growth	.225	.065	.243	3.450***	.001		
		Dep	endent vari	iable: Turno	ver Intention			
	(Constant)	3.377	.244		13.820	.000		1.4
1	Gender	.087	.127	.038	.682	.496	.076	14. 315 ***
	Age	307	.066	260	-4.637***	.000		
	(Constant)	5.437	.300		18.125	.000		
	Gender	.132	.113	.058	1.163	.246		
2	Age	252	.058	213	-4.340***	.000	200	29.
2	Work-Family	172	.063	140	-2.709**	.007	.299	247 ***
	Work-Leisure	086	.071	078	-1.208	.228		
	Work-Growth	430	.079	304	-5.417***	.000		

Table 3 Effects of Perceived Instrumental Support on Affective Commitment

M o	ole 3 Effects of Per	Stan	Non- dardized	Standar- dized	Timeetive	Signifi -cance		
d e l		В	efficient Standard Error	Coefficient Beta	t	Proba- bility	R <sup>2</sup>	F
	(Constant)	2.005	.237		8.474	.000		
	Gender	128	.089	074	-1.435	.152		
	Age	.112	.046	.125	2.441	.015		21.
1	Work-Family	005	.050	005	099	.921	.237	363 ***
	Work-Leisure	115	.056	138	-2.050*	.041		
	Work-Growth	.504	.063	.527	8.048***	.000		
	(Constant)	1.228	.199		6.171	.000		
	Gender	196	.072	114	-2.716	.007		
	Age	.035	.037	.039	.935	.350		
2	Work-Family	036	.040	039	892	.373	.506	58. 401
2	Work-Leisure	014	.046	017	313	.754	.500	***
	Work-Growth	.217	.055	.227	3.974***	.000		
	Instrumental Support	.592	.043	.581	13.638***	.000		
	(Constant)	1.827	.565		3.231	.001		
	Gender	181	.072	105	-2.521*	.012		
	Age	.047	.037	.052	1.256	.210		
	Work-Family	395	.140	427	-2.829**	.005		
	Work-Leisure	063	.193	076	327	.744		
	Work-Growth	.510	.173	.533	2.944**	.003		
3	Instrumental Support	.356	.199	.350	1.792	.074	.523	41. 244
	Work-Family xInstrumental Support	.139	.050	.724	2.752**	.006		***
	Work-Leisure xInstrumental Support	.015	.066	.076	.233	.816		
	Work-Growth xInstrumental Support	112	.060	558	-1.877	.061		

 Table 4 Effects of Perceived Instrumental Support on Continuance Commitment

M o d	ne 4 Ellects of Fe	Stand	Non- dardized efficient	Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance	R <sup>2</sup>	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		Proba- bility		
	(Constant)	1.543	.255		6.053	.000		
	Gender	.428	.096	.247	4.446***	.000		
	Age	.270	.049	.301	5.478***	.000	127	10. 003
1	Work-Family	.113	.054	.121	2.097*	.037	.127	***
	Work-Leisure	.094	.060	.112	1.561	.119		
	Work-Growth	102	.067	106	-1.516	.130		
	(Constant)	1.239	.206		4.763	.000		
	Gender	.402	.094	.232	4.254***	.000		
	Age	.240	.049	.267	4.921***	.000		
2	Work-Family	.101	.053	.108	1.911	.057	.168	11. 494
-	Work-Leisure	.133	.060	.159	2.233*	.026	.=	***
	Work-Growth	214	.071	222	-3.001**	.003		
	Instrumental Support	.232	.057	.226	4.082***	.000		
	(Constant)	-2.378	.700		-3.398	.001		
	Gender	.348	.089	.201	3.921***	.000		
	Age	.208	.046	.232	4.531***	.000		
	Work-Family	1.265	.173	1.360	7.320***	.000		
	Work-Leisure	.058	.239	.069	.242	.809		
	Work-Growth	357	.214	371	-1.667	.096		
3	Instrumental Support	1.595	.246	1.556	6.482***	.000	.279	14. 547
	Work-Family xInstrumental Support	440	.062	-2.277	-7.045***	.000		***
	Work-Leisure xInstrumental Support	.033	.082	.160	.403	.687		
	Work-Growth xInstrumental Support	.069	.074	.340	.930	.353		

 Table 5 Effects of Perceived Instrumental Support on Normative Commitment

Tab	ole 5 Effects of Pe	rceived I	nstrumenta	al Support on	Normative	Commiti	nent	
M o d	0		Non- dardized efficient	Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance Proba-	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		bility		
	(Constant)	1.543	.255		6.053	.000		
	Gender	.428	.096	.247	4.446***	.000		
1	Age	.270	.049	.301	5.478***	.000	127	10.
1	Work-Family	.113	.054	.121	2.097*	.037	.127	003 ***
	Work-Leisure	.094	.060	.112	1.561	.119		
	Work-Growth	102	.067	106	1.516	.130		
	(Constant)	1.239	.260		4.763	.000		
	Gender	.402	.094	.232	4.254***	.000		
	Age	.240	.049	.267	4.921***	.000		
2	Work-Family	.101	.053	.108	1.911	.057	.168	11. 494
_	Work-Leisure	.113	.060	.159	2.233*	.026	.100	***
	Work-Growth	214	.071	222	-3.001**	.003		
	Instrumental Support	.232	.057	.226	4.082***	.000		
	(Constant)	-2.378	.700		-3.398	.001		
	Gender	.348	.089	.201	3.921***	.000		
	Age	.208	.046	.232	4.531***	.000		
	Work-Family	1.265	.173	1.360	7.320***	.000		
	Work-Leisure	.058	.239	.069	.242	.809		
	Work-Growth	357	.214	371	-1.667	.096		
3	Instrumental Support	1.595	.246	1.556	6.482***	.000	.279	14. 547
	Work-Family xInstrumental Support	440	.062	-2.277	-7.045***	.000	.2/9	***
	Work-Leisure xInstrumental Support	.033	.082	.160	.403	.687		
	Work-Growth xInstrumental Support	.069	.074	.340	.930	.353		

 Table 6 Effects of Perceived Emotional Support on Affective Commitment

M o d		Stan	Non- dardized efficient	Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		Proba- bility		
	(Constant)	2.005	.237		8.474	.000		
	Gender	128	.089	074	-1.435	.152		
1	Age	.112	.046	.125	2.441*	.015	227	21.
1	Work-Family	005	.050	005	099	.921	.237	363 ***
	Work-Leisure	115	.056	138	-2.050*	.041		
	Work-Growth	.504	.063	.527	8.048***	.000		
	(Constant)	.682	.213		3.203	.001		
	Gender	172	.072	100	-2.394*	.017		
	Age	.089	.037	.100	2.419*	.016		
2	Work-Family	.066	.040	.071	1.622	.106	.509	59. 090
_	Work-Leisure	098	.045	117	-2.174*	.030		***
	Work-Growth	.283	0.53	.296	5.362***	.000		
	Emotional Support	.586	.043	.559	13.753***	.000		
	(Constant)	1.402	.638		2.198	.029		
	Gender	167	.073	097	-2.285	.023		
	Age	.086	.037	.096	2.327	.021		
	Work-Family	042	.153	045	274	.784		
	Work-Leisure	191	.206	229	927	.355		
	Work-Growth	.267	.196	.279	1.365	.173		
3	Instrumental Support	.348	.206	.332	1.687	.093	.511	39. 428
	Work-Family xEmotional Support	.034	.049	.173	.699	.485		***
	Work-Leisure xEmotional Support	.031	.068	.154	.458	.647		
	Work-Growth xEmotional Support	.006	.065	.028	.090	.928		

 Table 7 Effects of Perceived Emotional Support on Continuance Commitment

	ole / Effects of Per		Non-	Standar-	Jitillualice		ICIIL	
M o		Stan	dardized	dized		Signifi -cance		
d		Coe	efficient	Coefficient	t	Proba-	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F
1 		В	Standard Error	Beta		bility		
	(Constant)	1.543	.255		6.053	.000		
	Gender	.428	.096	.247	4.446***	.000		
1	Age	.270	.049	.301	5478***	.000	.127	10. 003
1	Work-Family	.113	.054	.121	2.097*	.037	.12/	***
	Work-Leisure	.094	.060	.112	1.561	.119		
	Work-Growth	102	.067	106	-1.516	.130		
	(Constant)	1.331	.285		4.672	.000		
	Gender	.421	.096	.243	4.379***	.000		
	Age	.267	.049	.297	5.413***	.000		
2	Work-Family	.124	.054	.133	2.295*	.022	.134	8. 830
_	Work-Leisure	.097	.060	.115	1.610	.108	.101	***
	Work-Growth	138	.071	143	-1.949	.052		
	Emotional Support	.094	.057	.089	1.648	.100		
	(Constant)	760	.816		932	.352		
	Gender	.366	.093	.211	3.927***	.000		
	Age	.262	.047	.291	5.524***	.000		
	Work-Family	1.047	.195	1.125	5.368***	.000		
	Work-Leisure	.116	.263	.139	.442	.659		
	Work-Growth	645	.251	670	-2.574**	.010		
3	Instrumental Support	.794	.264	.752	3.011**	.0003	.211	10. 096
	Work-Family xEmotional Support	314	.063	-1.570	-4.980***	.000		***
	Work-Leisure xEmotional Support	003	.087	012	029	.977		
	Work-Growth xEmotional Support	.177	.083	.857	2.141*	.033		

Table 8 Effects of Perceived Emotional Support on Normative Commitment

M o d	Te o Effects of Fer	Stan	Non- dardized efficient	Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance	R²	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		Proba- bility		
1	(Constant)	2.680	.247		10.867	.000	.119	9. 266 ***
	Gender	.054	.093	.032	.578	.564		
	Age	.093	.048	.108	1.955	.051		
	Work-Family	289	.052	322	-5.552***	.000		
	Work-Leisure	.043	.058	.053	.738	.461		
	Work-Growth	.225	.065	.243	3.450***	.001		
	(Constant)	1.963	.263		7.461	.000	.204	14. 592 ***
	Gender	.030	.089	.018	.338	.735		
	Age	.081	.046	.094	1.781	.076		
2	Work-Family	251	.050	280	-5.019***	.000		
2	Work-Leisure	.052	.056	.065	.941	.348		
	Work-Growth	.106	.065	.114	1.618	.107		
	Emotional Support	.318	.053	.313	6.036***	.000		
	(Constant)	4.244	.777		5.460	.000		
	Gender	.051	.089	.031	.579	.563		
	Age	.073	.045	.084	1.617	.107	.229	11. 167 ***
	Work-Family	650	.186	725	-3.495***	.001		
	Work-Leisure	200	.251	247	798	.426		
3	Work-Growth	.090	.239	.097	.377	.707		
	Instrumental Support	440	.251	433	-1.750	.081		
	Work-Family xEmotional Support	.130	.060	.672	2.157*	.032		
	Work-Leisure xEmotional Support	.084	.083	.428	1.014	.311		
	Work-Growth xEmotional Support	.006	.079	.032	.081	.936		

 Table 9 Effects of Perceived Instrumental Support on Turnover Intention

Table 9 Effects of Perceived Instrumental Support on Turnover Intention								
M o d		Non- Standardized Coefficient		Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance Proba-	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		bility		
	(Constant)	5.437	.300		18.125	.000	.299	29. 247 ***
	Gender	.132	.113	.058	1.163	.246		
	Age	252	.058	213	-4.340***	.000		
1	Work-Family	172	.063	140	-2.709**	.007		
	Work-Leisure	086	.071	078	-1.208	.228		
	Work-Growth	430	.079	340	-5.417***	.000		
	(Constant)	6.229	.276		22.607	.000		
	Gender	.201	.100	.088	2.011*	.045		48. 272 ***
	Age	174	.052	147	-3.359***	.001	.459	
2	Work-Family	140	.056	115	-2.507*	.013		
2	Work-Leisure	188	.063	171	-2.972**	.003		
	Work-Growth	138	.076	109	-1.821	.069		
	Instrumental Support	604	.060	448	-10.042 ***	.000		
	(Constant)	5.421	.791		6.852	.000		
	Gender	.201	.100	.088	2.002	.046		
	Age	174	.052	147	-3.341***	.001		
	Work-Family	029	.195	024	149	.881		
	Work-Leisure	.279	.270	.253	1.035	.302		
	Work-Growth	460	.242	363	-1.897	.059	.465	32. 803 ***
3	Instrumental Support	322	.278	239	-1.156	.248		
	Work-Family xInstrumental Support	043	.071	169	606	.545		
	Work-Leisure xInstrumental Support	164	.093	606	-1.768	.078		
	Work-Growth xInstrumental Support	.118	.083	.444	1.410	.159		

Table 10 Effects of Perceived Emotional Support on Turnover Intention

M o d		Non- Standardized Coefficient		Standar- dized Coefficient	t	Signifi -cance Proba-	$\mathbb{R}^2$	F
e 1		В	Standard Error	Beta		bility		
1	(Constant)	5.437	.300		18.125	.000	.299	29. 247 ***
	Gender	.132	.113	.058	1.163	.246		
	Age	252	.058	213	-4.340**	.000		
	Work-Family	172	.063	140	-2.709**	.007		
	Work-Leisure	086	.071	078	-1.208	.228		
	Work-Growth	430	.079	340	-5.417***	.000		
	(Constant)	6.518	.311		20.971	.000	.403	38. 401 ***
	Gender	.168	.105	.074	1.599	.111		
	Age	234	.054	198	-4.345***	.000		
2	Work-Family	229	.059	188	-3.883***	.000		
	Work-Leisure	100	.066	090	-1.517	.130		
	Work-Growth	250	.077	197	-3.242***	.001		
	Emotional Support	479	.062	346	-7.701***	.000		
	(Constant)	5.449	.930		5.857	.000		
	Gender	.152	.106	.067	1.426	.155		
	Age	231	.054	196	-4.280***	.000		
	Work-Family	0.12	.223	.010	.054	.957		
	Work-Leisure	111	.300	101	371	.711		
	Work-Growth	185	.286	146	647	.518	.405	25. 670
3	Emotional Support	120	.301	087	400	.689		
	Work-Family xEmotional Support	080	.072	303	-1.106	.270		***
	Work-Leisure xEmotional Support	.005	.099	.018	.049	.961		
	Work-Growth xEmotional Support	022	.094	082	235	.814		

For the effects of perceived instrumental support on affected commitment, controlled variables were inserted into model 1. In model 2, work life balance was inserted and R<sup>2</sup> was found to be 23%. In model 3, the instrumental support was entered and R<sup>2</sup> was 50%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that the interaction effect of work-family and instrumental support was .724 which has a positive effect (p<.01). The R<sup>2</sup> of regression equation was 52%. The other variables were found to have no moderating effect. Based on the findings above, it was found that the work-family factors have moderating effects between the instrumental support and AC.

For the effects of perceived instrumental support on CC, gender and age were inserted as controlled variables in model 1. In model 2, work-life balance was inserted and R<sup>2</sup> was found to be 12%. In model 3, the instrumental support was entered and R<sup>2</sup> was 16%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that the interaction effect of work-family and instrumental support was -2.27 which has a negative effect (p<.001). The R<sup>2</sup> of regression equation was 14%. The other variables were found to have no moderating effect. Based on the findings above, it was found that the work-family factors have moderating effects between the instrumental support and CC.

For the effects of perceived instrumental support on NC, controlled variables were inserted in model 1 and work life balance was inserted in model 2. R² was found to be 11%. In model 3, the instrumental support was entered and R² was 23%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that the interaction effect of work-leisure and instrumental support was .898 which has a positive effect (p<.05). The R² of regression equation was 15%. The other variables were found to have no moderating effect. Based on the findings above, it was found that the work-leisure factors have moderating effects between the instrumental support and NC.

For the effects of perceived emotional support on AC, controlled variables were inserted into model 1 and work life balance was inserted into model 2. R² was found to be 23%. In model 3, the perceived emotional support was entered and R² was 50%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and none of the variables were found to have moderating effect.

For the effects of perceived emotional support on CC, controlled variables were inserted into model 1 and work life balance was inserted into model 2. R<sup>2</sup> was found to be 12%. In model 3, the perceived emotional support was entered and R<sup>2</sup> was shown as 13%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that the interaction effect of work-family and emotional support

was -1.57 which has a negative effect (p<.001). The interaction effect of work-growth and emotional support also had significant effect (p<.05). The  $R^2$  of regression equation was 21%. Based on the findings above, it was found that the work-family factors have moderating effects between the emotional support and CC.

For the effects of perceived emotional support on NC, controlled variables were inserted into model 1 and work life balance was inserted into model 2. R² was found to be 11%. In model 3, the emotional support was entered and R² was 20%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that the interaction effect of work-family and emotional support was .672 which has a positive effect (p<.05). The R² of regression equation was 20%. The other variables were found to have no moderating effect. Based on the findings above, it was found that the work-family factors have moderating effects between the emotional support and NC.

For moderated regression analysis on the effects of perceived instrumental support on TIN, controlled variables were inserted into model 1 and work life balance was inserted into model 2.  $R^2$  was found to be 29%. In model 3, the instrumental support was entered and  $R^2$  was 45%. In model 4, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and none of the variables were found to have moderating effect.

For moderated regression analysis on the effects of perceived emotional support on TIN, controlled variables were inserted into model 1 and work life balance was inserted into model 2.  $R^2$  was found to be 29%. In model 3, the emotional support was entered and  $R^2$  was 40%. In the 4thmodel, moderating variables were entered in order to examine the moderation effect, and found that none of the variables were found to have moderating effect.

#### 5. Discussion

# 5.1. Research Summary and Contributions

The study was conducted in order to analyze how maintaining work-life balance affects OC and TIN, and examine whether POS moderates the relationship between work-life balance, OC, and TIN.

Firstly, in terms of work-life balance and its effect on OC, the work-leisure and work-growth balance were found to be positively related to AC. The work-family balance was found to be positively related to CC and the work-growth balance was found to be positively related to NC. Secondly, for the effects of the balance between work and life on TIN, TIN was found to be negatively related to both work-family balance and work-growth balance. As for whether POS would moderate the relationship between

work-life balance and OC, it was found that perceived instrumental support moderated the relationship between work-family balance and AC. Perceived instrumental support was also found to moderate the relationship between work-family balance and CC. In addition, perceived instrumental support was found to moderate the relationship between work-leisure balance and NC. The effects of perceived emotional support on AC had no moderating effect. Similarly, perceived emotional support had no moderating effect on CC. Perceived emotional support was found to moderate the relationship between work-family balance and NC. Finally, the effects of perceived instrumental support on TIN had no moderating effect. The effects of perceived emotional support on TIN also had no moderating effect. The study results showed that work-life balance increases employees' OC and decreases TIN. In addition, an organization's instrumental support and emotional support moderated the relationship between work-life balance and OC. Therefore, human resource and training personnel need to provide institutional and emotional support by understanding the importance of maintaining work and life balance of employees. They also should improve work-life balance programs, especially programs related to work-family, work-leisure and work-growth balance. This will increase employees' productivity and commitment to the organization and decrease turnover rate.

#### 5.2. Limitations of research and future research

The limitations of this study and suggestions for further research are as follows. First, as convenience sampling was used, further research is necessary to produce generalizable results. It would be useful in future research to collect samples from a wider range of participants to demonstrate the effectiveness of diverse moderating variables. Second, since the balance of work and life is subjective and might vary according to personal, environmental, and cultural characteristics, it is necessary to construct and measure more diverse sub-variables of constructs with the balance between work and life. This study focused on analyzing three sub-variables of work life balance - a balance between work and family, work and leisure, and work and growth. Future research could be expanded to examine a wider range of areas associated with work in order to gain more detailed results.

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