

Objectives: To develop and validate a Portuguese version (Questionário de Mentalização – QMZ) of the Mentalization Questionnaire (MZQ) (Hausberg et al., 2012).

Methods: A sample of 184 Portuguese medical students (mean age = 21.6 ± 2.47 years, 59.8% female) was used to explore the psychometric properties of the scale, using reliability and factor analysis (varimax rotation method).

Results: The QMZ exhibited a Cronbach's alpha score of .80. All items contributed to its reliability. Based on the scree plot of Cattell and interpretability of items, a 2-factor and a 5-factor structures were further explored. The former explained 38.8% of the total variance (VE) and included a regulation of affect (VE= 27.3%, $\alpha=.79$) and a self-reflection and emotional awareness (VE= 11.5%, $\alpha=.62$) factors. The latter explained 60.6% of the total variance and incorporated the following dimensions: self-control (VE= 27.3%, $\alpha=.74$), daily relationships (VE= 11.5%, $\alpha=.67$), self-comprehension (VE= 8.1%, $\alpha=.54$), close relationships (VE= 7.0%, $\alpha=.41$) and self-monitoring (VE= 6.7%, $\alpha=.52$). The 5-factor structure was closer to the dimensional concept of mentalization.

Conclusions: The QMZ has proved to be a promising instrument, with adequate psychometric properties, confirmed by its acceptable construct, criterion and factorial validity and reliability to assess mentalization in Portuguese language.

Keywords: Mentalization Questionnaire; Portuguese Version; psychometric properties; Reliability

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High vs low trait primary psychopathy in males: Differences in cardiac responses to emotional film clips

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Introduction: Primary psychopathy, although not included in DSM-5, is a personality trait characterized by callousness, unemotionality and a low sensitivity to anxiety and fear. From a psychophysiological standpoint, individuals with this trait exhibit a number of alterations, most notably lower heart rate at rest and lower heart rate variability (HRV).

Objectives: We investigated the relationship between primary psychopathy and heart rate dynamics in response to emotional stimuli in a healthy community sample. In the high psychopathy participants we expected to find lower HRV and a general lower cardiovascular responsiveness to aversive emotional stimuli.

Methods: The study was carried out on male students with high (HP) and low scores (LP) of primary psychopathy according to Levenson's LSRP. The stimuli were 15 short movie clips of different emotional content (Erotic, Scenery, Neutral, Compassion and Fear), lasting 2 minutes each and presented during ECG recording. Mean heart rate (HR) and HRV were analyzed.

Results: Concerning HR, a Category by Group interaction revealed that participants in the HP group did not differentiate among emotional movie clips, whereas those in the LP group manifested significant reduced HR to Fear and Scenery compared to the other clips. Concerning HRV, the main Group effect showed in HP participants a lower HRV than LP subjects, irrespective of the film categories.

Conclusions: Using ecological stimuli is considered more effective in evoking spontaneous emotions, and our results point to a clear alteration of emotional cardiovascular response in high primary psychopathy trait individuals selected from a community sample.

Keywords: psychophysiology; psychopathy; heart rate variability; emotion

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Generalized problematic internet use and perfectionism in portuguese university students

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Introduction: Although there are several empirical studies exploring the relationship between problematic Internet use and personality traits, few had considered perfectionism.

Objectives: To explore the association between generalized problematic Internet use and perfectionism.

Methods: A sample of 433 Portuguese university students ($M_{age} = 20.15$ years, $SD = 1.77$, range = 18-25 years) completed the Generalized Problematic Internet Use Scale 2/GPIU and the Multidimensional Perfectionism Composite Scale – short version.

Results: GPIU total score ($rs=.16^{**}$), Mood Regulation ($rs=.22^{**}$), and Deficient Self-Regulation ($rs=.13^{**}$) were correlated with Positive Striving factor. GPIU total score ($rs=.38^{**}$), Preference for Online Social Interaction ($rs=.16^{**}$), Mood Regulation ($rs=.28^{**}$), Deficient Self-Regulation ($rs = .33^{**}$), and Negative Consequences ($rs=.41^{**}$) were significantly correlated with Evaluative Concerns factor. A one-way between groups analysis of variance was conducted to explore the relation between GPIU and perfectionism. Subjects were divided into three groups according to their GPIU risk levels (Group1:low-risk; Group2:medium-risk; Group3:high-risk). There was a statistically difference at $p > .05$ level in Positive Striving scores for the three risk level groups: $F(2,430)=4.39$, $p=.013$, and in Evaluative Concerns scores, $F(2,430)=28.83$, $p<.001$. Post-hoc comparisons using the Tukey USD test, for Positive Striving, indicated that the mean score for Group1 ($M=39.21$, $SD=8.56$) was significantly different from Group3 ($M=43.69$, $SD=9.74$). Considering Evaluative Concerns, the mean score for Group1 ($M=39.86$, $SD=11.31$) was significantly different from Group2 ($M=46.91$, $SD=11.42$) and from Group3 ($M=51.75$, $SD=8.54$).

Conclusions: GPIU is consistently related to maladaptive perfectionism. Future longitudinal studies are needed to clarify the bidirectional association between GPIU and perfectionism traits.

Keywords: Problematic Internet use; Perfectionism; University Students