



Risk and Protective Factors in the Development of Pathological Gambling among Adolescents and Young Adults

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Message from the Guest Editors

Pathological gambling (PG) belongs to the diagnostic class of substance-related and addictive disorder. Literature highlights that PG is a phenomenon more common among men than women (Ellenbogen et al., 2007; Pace and Passanisi, 2017). Furthermore, it is well known that this problem affects both young people and adults in terms of prevalence and entities. Adolescents sometimes, although they play less, report more severe episodes than adults (Bastiani et al., 2013).

This Special Issue aims to develop a better understanding of the factors that foster the development and maintenance of PG in adolescence and young adulthood, or that can act as a buffer to contain the aforementioned addictive behavior, which may serve to inform effective prevention measures and appropriate treatments. We welcome manuscripts on PG from any subject area, supported by methodologically sound research engaging valid and reliable procedures.

A main focus is given to research investigating cognitive and personality factors in PG among adolescents and emerging adults outlining a complex set of cognitive mechanisms as well as maladaptive or dysfunctional personality traits.





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