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Preliminary psychometric data for a Portuguese scale to assess history of depressive symptomatology with a college student sample

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Abstract

We developed a Portuguese questionnaire that could assess history of depressive

symptoms. The Depressive History Questionnaire was based on the Depressive

Experience Subscale from the Thalbourne Manic-Depressiveness Scale, which was

translated into Portuguese. The Depressive History Questionnaire was administered to

459 college students. Female students scored significantly higher than male students.

Cronbach alpha was .64 and was considered satisfactory. Principal component analysis

revealed that the questionnaire measures only one dimension. Confirmatory factor

analysis provided support for the fit of the one-factor model The Depressive History

Questionnaire correlates positively and significantly with the Portuguese versions of

both the Beck Depression Inventory - II and of the Depressive Personality Disorder

Inventory.

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