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Reliability and Validity of the Diabetes Eating Problem Survey in Turkish Children and

Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus.

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**Abstract** 

**OBJECTIVE:** 

The aim of this study was to show the reliability and validity of a Turkish version of Diabetes

Eating Problem Survey-Revised (DEPS-R) in children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes

mellitus.

**METHODS:** 

A total of 200 children and adolescents with type 1 diabetes, ages 9-18 years, completed the

DEPS-R Turkish version. In addition to tests of validity, confirmatory factor analysis was

conducted to investigate the factor structure of the 16-item Turkish version of DEPS-R.

**RESULTS:** 

The Turkish version of DEPS-R demonstrated satisfactory Cronbach's ∝ (0.847) and was

significantly correlated with age (r=0.194; p<0.01), hemoglobin A1c levels (r=0.303; p<0.01),

and body mass index-standard deviation score (r=0.412; p<0.01) indicating criterion validity.

Median DEPS-R scores of Turkish version for the total samples, females, and males were 11.0,

11.5, and 10.5, respectively.

**CONCLUSION:** 

Disturbed eating behaviors and insulin restriction were associated with poor metabolic control.

A short, self-administered diabetes-specific screening tool for disordered eating behavior can

be used routinely in the clinical care of adolescents with type 1 diabetes. The Turkish version

of DEPS-R is a valid screening tool for disordered eating behaviors in type 1 diabetes and it is

potentially important to early detect disordered eating behaviors.

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I Should but I Can't: Controlled Motivation and Self-Efficacy Are Related to Disordered

Eating Behaviors in Adolescents With Type 1 Diabetes.

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Abstract

**PURPOSE:** 

Among adolescents with type 1 diabetes, disordered eating behaviors (DEBs) are more

prevalent and have more serious health implications than in adolescents without diabetes,

necessitating identification of modifiable correlates of DEB in this population. This study

hypothesized that (1) autonomous motivation and (2) controlled motivation for healthy eating

(i.e., eating healthfully because it is important to oneself vs. important to others, respectively)

are associated with DEB among adolescents with type 1 diabetes. The third hypothesis was

that baseline healthy eating self-efficacy moderates these associations.

**METHODS:** 

Adolescents with type 1 diabetes (n = 90; 13-16 years) participating in a behavioral nutrition

intervention efficacy trial reported DEB, controlled and autonomous motivation, and self-

efficacy at baseline, 6, 12, and 18 months. Linear-mixed models estimated associations of

controlled and autonomous motivation with DEB, adjusting for treatment group, body mass

index, socioeconomic status, age, and gender. Separate models investigated the interaction of

self-efficacy with each motivation type.

**RESULTS:** 

Controlled motivation was positively associated with DEB (B =  $2.18 \pm .33$ , p < .001); the

association was stronger for those with lower self-efficacy (B =  $3.33 \pm .55$ , p < .001) than those

with higher self-efficacy (B =  $1.36 \pm .36$ , p < .001). Autonomous motivation was not associated

with DEB (B =  $-.70 \pm .43$ , p = .11).

**CONCLUSIONS:** 

Findings identify controlled motivation for healthy eating as a novel correlate of DEB among

adolescents with type 1 diabetes and show that self-efficacy can modify this association.

Motivation and self-efficacy for healthy eating represent potential intervention targets to reduce

DEB in adolescents with type 1 diabetes.

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Gender differences in disordered eating behaviors and body dissatisfaction among

adolescents with type 1 diabetes: Results from diabetes MILES youth-Australia.

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Abstract

**OBJECTIVE:** 

To examine gender differences in disordered eating behaviors (DEB) and body dissatisfaction

in adolescents with type 1 diabetes. While evidence shows that female youth with type 1

diabetes are more prone to DEB compared to their peers without diabetes, little is known about

male adolescents.

**METHOD:** 

In a national online survey, adolescents (13-19 years) with type 1 diabetes for ≥1 year

completed the Diabetes Eating Problem Survey-Revised (DEPS-R), and the Body Mass Index

Silhouette Matching Test (BMI-SMT) and items on binge eating and insulin omission.

**RESULTS:** 

About 477 adolescents (mean age 16 years; 62% females) completed the DEPS-R and 431 the

BMI-SMT. The DEPS-R total score was higher for females than males, with scores for females

increasing with age. BMI, HbA<sub>1c</sub>, insulin omission, and binge-eating frequency were

associated moderately with DEPS-R for both genders. On the BMI-SMT, 88% of females

wanted to be thinner. Of the males, 76% reported body dissatisfaction; however, only 43%

expressed a desire for thinness with the remainder desiring a larger body size. DEPS-R was

positively associated with the discrepancy between perceived actual and ideal body size for

both genders.

**DISCUSSION:** 

A large proportion of adolescents with type 1 diabetes, particularly females reported engaging

in DEB. Similarly, high rates of body dissatisfaction were reported, though ideal body shape

preferences differed by gender. Given the high levels of self-reported DEB and gender-based

patterns of body dissatisfaction, future research needs to examine the effectiveness of routine

screening of DEB and consider implementation of stepped care approaches.

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Assessment of eating disorders with the diabetes eating problems survey - revised

(DEPS-R) in a representative sample of insulin-treated diabetic patients: a validation

study in Italy.

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Ghiani M, Cau R, Tuveri M, Cossu E, Loy E, Mereu A, Mariotti S, Carpiniello B.

Abstract

**BACKGROUND:** 

The purpose of the study was to evaluate in a sample of insulin-treated diabetic patients, with

type 1 or type 2 diabetes, the psychometric characteristics of the Italian version of the DEPS-

R scale, a diabetes-specific self-report questionnaire used to analyze disordered eating

behaviors.

**METHODS:** 

The study was performed on 211 consecutive insulin-treated diabetic patients attending two

specialist centers. Lifetime prevalence of eating disorders (EDs) according to DSM-IV and

DSM-5 criteria were assessed by means of the Module H of the Structured Clinical Interview

for DSM IV Axis I Disorder and the Module H modified, according to DSM-5 criteria. The

following questionnaires were administered: DEPS-R and the Eating Disorder Inventory - 3

(EDI-3). Test/retest reproducibility was assessed on a subgroup of 70 patients. The factorial

structure, internal consistency, test-retest reliability and concurrent validity of DEPS-R were

assessed.

**RESULTS:** 

Overall, 21.8% of the sample met criteria for at least one DSM-5 diagnosis of ED. A "clinical

risk" of ED was observed in 13.3% of the sample. Females displayed higher scores at DEPS-

R, a higher percentage of at least one diagnosis of ED and a higher clinical risk for ED. A high

level of reproducibility and homogeneity of the scale were revealed. A significant correlation

was detected between DEPS-R and the 3 ED risk scales of EDI-3.

**CONCLUSIONS:** 

The data confirmed the overall reliability and validity of the scale. In view of the significance and implications of EDs in diabetic patients, it should be conducted a more extensive investigation of the phenomenon by means of evaluation instruments of demonstrated validity and reliability.

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