

ABSTRACT

This study compared the psychological profiles of pathological and social gamblers in Hong Kong. Participants, 67 pathological gamblers and 50 social gamblers, completed multiple measures including the South Oaks Gambling Screen (SOGS), Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III) and Chinese Personality Disorder Inventory (CPDI). Results indicated that pathological gamblers reported more problems in self-concept, social alienation, impulse-control, and negative affectivity. Impulse-control problem remained a significant predictor of the severity of gambling problems even when negative affect, problems in self-concept and social isolation were controlled for in the regression model. Results supported the significant role of Antisocial Impulsivist personality traits in the development of pathological gambling behavior.