

Table 1. Overview of utilized variables.

Scale	N	#	α	$\bar{r}_{i(t-i)}$	Scale	M	SD
<i>Cognitive variables:</i>							
Phys. probl. sol. ability	144	16	0.87	0.51	0,1,2	7.46	6.78
General phys. prob. sol. ability	133	15	0.69	0.29	0.15	7.05	2.83
General cog. abilities	78	34	0.88	0.4	0,1	23.72	7.13
<i>Affective/motivational variables:</i>							
Self-efficacy physics	144	4	0.85	0.69	1,2,3,4	3.33	0.57
Expectancy physics competition	144	5	0.71	0.47	1,2,3,4	2.6	0.49
Value physics competition	144	4	0.75	0.55	1,2,3,4	2.85	0.64
Sense of belonging	144	15	0.81	0.42	1,2,3,4	3.32	0.35
Social support in physics	144	12	0.77	0.41	1,2,3,4	2.56	0.5
<i>Success criterium:</i>							
Highest round	144	1			1,2,3,4	1.66	0.71

^a N ... Number of student responses with at least one valid value, α ... internal consistency and $\bar{r}_{i(t-i)}$... mean discriminatory power of items.