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Abstract

Developed scales to measure forgiveness of others (FOO) and forgiveness of self (FOS) as part of an inventory to sample personality disorders. Based on the responses of 237 outpatient counseling clients, these scales have adequate internal consistency reliabilities and correlate with each other only .37. This suggests that although the scales are somewhat related, they are predominately sampling different classes of behavior. Deficits in FOO and FOS correlated significantly with several scales on the MMPI and with ratings done by therapists and peers. These deficits were related to increased amounts of psychopathology, such as depression, anxiety, and negative self-esteem. (PsycINFO Database Record (c) 2016 APA, all rights reserved)

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