





Are DSM-5 criteria for SUD transferable to Food Addiction? IRT analysis for alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opiates and food disorders in a clinical sample

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Background

- Existence of Food Addiction (FA)
 - Discussed for decades
 - Findings that supported the existence of FA Neuroimaging data (Wang 2001, Shienle 2009, Volkow 2013) Animal model (Ahmed 2013)

Standardized measure for the assessment of FA

- Yale Food Addiction Scale (Gearhard 2009)
- Applicability of DSM-IV substance dependence criteria to FA (Meule 2014)
- Applicable with DSM-5 criteria?

Objective

- To examine severity and discrimination of DSM-5 criteria for Food Addiction adapted from SUD criteria
- To compare with SUD criteria
 - Alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opiates

Methods – Sample

- Ongoing follow-up study (Aquitaine Addiction Cohort Study)
 - Participants seeking Tx for substance use disorder
 Outpatient addiction clinic
 - Participants seeking Tx for eating disorder Outpatient addiction clinic and Obesity clinic
- Assessment at treatment entry
 - mASI: sociodemographic, history of substance use, eating behavior, severity of addiction (Denis, 2016)
 - DSM-5 SUD criteria
 - DSM-5 criteria for Food Addiction adapted from DSM-5 SUD

Methods - Analyses

- 2-parameter logistic item response theory (IRT) model
 - Factor analyses for dimensionality
 - Ranked criteria by their estimated severity
- Spearman correlations: to quantify the similarity in severity ranking of the criteria across substance and food
 - Alcohol, cannabis, opiates, tobacco

Results - Sample characteristics

- n= 875
- Demographic
 - Males (65%)
 - 39.7 y.o. (SD= 12.1, range: 18-76)
 - Living with family ± children 56%
 - Currently working 51%
- Current use of
 - Alcohol n= 495
 - Cannabis n= 425
 - Opiates n=130
 - Tobacco n=536
 - Food-related disorders n=250

Results – DSM-5 Diagnosis



- Mostly severe use disorder
 - >90% of the sample for SUD
- More variability for food addiction

Results – Criteria endorsement

	Alcohol	Food	Opiates	Cannabis	Tobacco
Tolerance	<mark>61.7</mark>	28.8	<mark>80.9</mark>	<mark>61.6</mark>	43.8
Withdrawal	44.8	33.8	<mark>86.6</mark>	<mark>55.4</mark>	<mark>70.3</mark>
Large amount	<mark>80.5</mark>	<mark>71.6</mark>	<mark>70.7</mark>	<mark>55.0</mark>	<mark>72.1</mark>
Unsuccessful	<mark>60.5</mark>	<mark>49.6</mark>	<mark>73.2</mark>	48.0	<mark>68.7</mark>
cut down					
Time spent	49.0	14.0	68.1	51.4	38.2
Given up	51.4	11.8	64.5	47.7	17.2
activities					
Psy or phy. pbl	54.6	<mark>48.2</mark>	60.5	50.3	60.4
Failure fulfill	50.7	17.4	33.3	38.7	9.3
roles					
Hazardous Use	<mark>72.5</mark>	16.1	58.7	<mark>67.5</mark>	21.6
Social pbl	59.2	15.7	51.4	51.0	29.1
Craving	<mark>65.2</mark>	<mark>69.8</mark>	<mark>79.5</mark>	<mark>68.0</mark>	<mark>78.8</mark>

 Similar pattern of criteria endorsement across substances and FA criteria

Results – Common Factor Analyses

	Eigenvalue	%	F1 Variance	p-value
Alcohol	3.96	36.0	2.27	< 0.0001
Opiates	3.89	35.4	2.62	< 0.0001
Cannabis	3.84	34.9	1.94	< 0.0001
Tobacco	2.81	25.5	1.33	< 0.0001
Food	4.34	39.5	2.19	< 0.0001

Maximum likelihood, Rotation method: Varimax

Dimensionality

- Substance Use disorder criteria
- Food Addiction criteria

Results – IRT analyses

- Discrimination estimates across groups ranged from 0.88 to 5.12
- FA criteria exhibited the highest discrimination estimates

	Alcohol	Opiates	Cannabis	Tobacco	Food
Tolerance	1.52	1.70	1.94	1.31	3.09
Withdrawal	1.42	1.71	2.04	1.97	4.04
Large amount	1.48	1.71	1.75	1.59	3.99
Unsuccessful cut down	1.52	1.69	1.76	1.49	5.12
Time spent	1.22	1.72	1.79	1.17	3.84
Given up activities	2.00	1.74	1.92	1.17	3.15
Psychological or physical pbl	1.41	1.65	1.64	1.09	4.13
Failure fulfill roles	1.31	1.48	1.41	1.35	2.96
Hazardous Use	1.17	1.53	1.45	0.88	2.33
Social pbl	2.24	1.67	1.97	0.97	3.86
Craving	2.26	1.70	2.84	2.56	4.20

Results – Severity ranking

	Alcohol	Opiates	Cannabis	Tobacco	Food
Tolerance	3	2	3	6	5
Withdrawal	11	1	4	4	4
Large amount	1	5	5	1	1
Unsuccessful cut down	5	4	10	3	10
Time spent	9	6	6	7	7
Given up activities	8	7	9	9	11
Psy or phy pbl	7	8	8	5	3
Failure fulfill roles	10	11	11	11	8
Hazardous Use	2	9	2	10	9
Social pbl	6	10	7	8	6
Craving	4	3	1	2	2

- Severity rankings were not identical across substances and food addiction
- Correlations were the highest between
 - Food and tobacco (ρ = 0.67)
 - Food and opiates (ρ = 0.72)

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Conclusion

- One-dimensional structure of DSM-5 criteria
 - SUD: consistent with previous studies
 - Findings showed that SUD criteria could be applicable to FA
- Criteria have similar patterns of severity
 - Correlations between food and other substances
- Further studies are needed
 - To confirm the findings
 - In other settings i.e. non-seeking treatment samples
 - More variability in the severity of disease Mainly severe in this sample
 - In other type of eating disorders Almost all had binge eating disorder and were obese
 - To evaluate if SUD threshold is suitable for FA External validators
- Potential change in therapy for certain Food Disorder?

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