TRIAL OF HOPELESSNESS THEORY BY THE USE OF MODELLING.
NEW PSYCHOMETRIC DATA ON THE HOPELESSNESS DEPRESSION
SYMPTOM QUESTIONNAIRE

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Abstract
The hopelessness theory claims the existence of hopelessness depression, a subtype of depression which supposedly has a characteristic causal profile, a set of symptoms and a certain course. The study analyses from an experimental point of view the Hopelessness Depression Symptom Questionnaire (HDSQ; Metalsky & Joiner, 1997) on the Romanian population and it also establishes its psychometric parameters. The results of factorial analysis in the case of the 315 participants support the initial factors of the HDSQ but they also reflect a distinct symptom of hopelessness depression. Diathesis-stress results, explained by the means of structural equation modelling, confirm the theoretic hypotheses issued by Abramson, Metalsky, and Alloy (1989) regarding the onset of depression. We confirm the efficiency of the HDSQ as a clinical instrument for the evaluation of hopelessness depression and the hopelessness theory of depression.

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