SOCIAL-COGNITIVE PREDICTORS OF INTERPERSONAL SENSITIVITY

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Abstract
This research describes the effects of attributional style on sensitivity from the point of view of the stress-diathesis model, the basic model of the learned helplessness theory. We were especially interested to show the effects of social support, trust, life experiences and negative attributional style on sensitivity. For this purpose we used a sample of 215 subjects, age varying from 18 to 61. Our hypothesis is that negative attributional style, lack of trust and poor social support have direct impact on sensitivity. The variables of this research can form a predictive model of the mentioned disorders, with direct implications in clinical practice and Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy.

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