

THE SADISM

SPANISH ADAPTATION OF SSIS AND ASP SCALES

INTRODUCTION:

Sadism refers to the tendency of participating in cruel, aggressive or degrading behaviours for the only purpose of pleasure or domination. Cruelty brings these people a pleasant emotional experience, which can even be sexually arousing.

Recently, sadism has been considered as a possible component of the DARK TRIAD, turning it into the DARK TETRAD (Furnham, Richards & Paulhus, 2013; Plouffe, Saklofske & Smith, 2017).

This proposal is based on the fact that sadism shares certain characteristics with the components of the DARK TRIAD (MACHIAVELLIANISM, NARCISSISM and PSYCHOPATHY) such as low empathy and lack of sensitivity.

AIM:

The main aim of this study is the adaptation to Spanish sociocultural context of SSIS and ASP sadism questionnaires, as well as studying the reliability and validity of the obtained scores.

HYPOTHESIS:

- Sadism scales will present a one factor structure, and high alpha reliability indexes.
- Sadism will be highly correlated with dark normal and abnormal personality characteristics.
- Specifically, sadism will be correlated with low Agreeableness (A) and in a lower extent to low conscientiousness (C).
- Sadism will also be correlated to Psychopathy (Psicop), Machiavellianism (Maquia) and Narcissism (Narc).
- Last, sadism will be correlated to low compassion.

MEASURES:

- SD3 (Short dark triad; Jones & Paulhus, 2014).
- SSIS (Short Sadistic Impulse Scale; O'meara & Davies, 2011).
- ASP (Assessment of Sadistic Personality; Jonason, Zeigler-Hill & Okan, 2017).
- Compassion Questionnaire (Gu, Cavanagh, Baer & Strauss, 2017).
- Neo FFI (Cordero et al., 2008).

SSIS	Factor
4. He hecho daño a otros para disfrutar de ello.	,765
1. Hacer daño a otros puede ser emocionante.	,747
6. Disfrutaría haciendo daño a otros física, sexual o emocionalmente.	,729
8. Tengo fantasías en las que hago daño a otros.	,624
10. Si lo probara, la gente disfrutaría haciendo daño a otros.	,618
2. He hecho daño a otros porque podía.	,604
5. He humillado a otros para mantenerlos a ralla.	,583
9. A veces me enfado tanto que quiero hacer daño a otros.	,581
7. Disfruto viendo a gente herida (física o mentalmente).	,577
3. No haría daño a otros de forma intencionada.	,347

GRAPHIC 1
Alpha .84

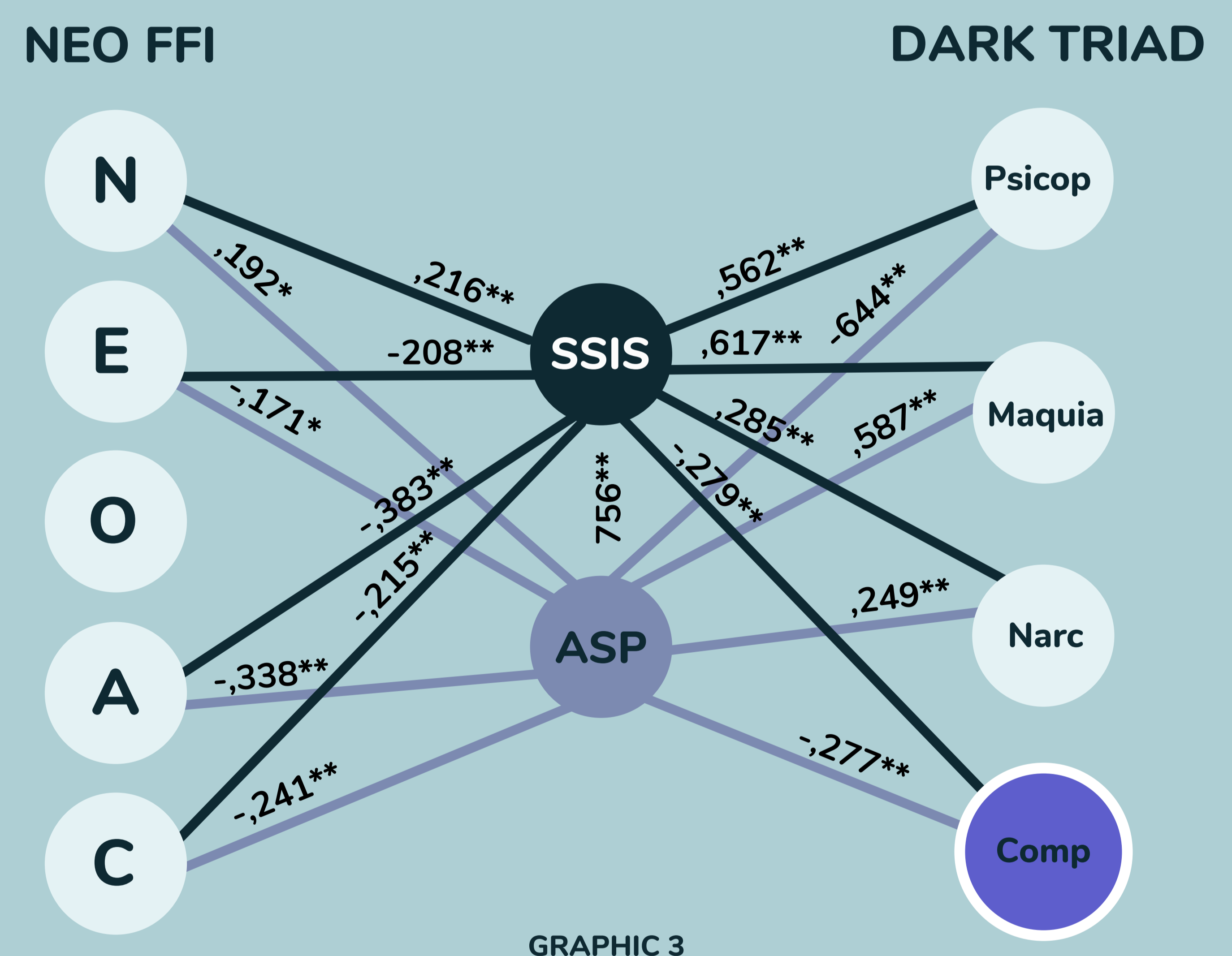
ASP	Factor
54. Ser cruel con otros puede ser emocionante.	,813
53. Cuando me burlo de alguien es divertido ver como se molesta.	,771
55. Me encanta burlarme de la gente delante de sus amigos.	,713
52. Le haría daño a alguien si con ello consiguiera ser el que manda.	,637
50. He ridiculizado a otros para que sepan que soy el que manda.	,624
57. Pienso en hacer daño a la gente que me irrita.	,609
51. Nunca me canso de abusar de los demás.	,546
56. Ver a gente peleándose me excita.	,462
58. No dañaría a nadie a propósito, incluso aunque no me cayera bien.	,353

GRAPHIC 2
Alpha .81

SAMPLE:

The sample consisted in 200 undergraduate students, 164 women and 36 men, with a mean age of 20,85.

RESULTS:



DISCUSSION:

SSIS and ASP presented a one factor solution and excellent internal consistency reliabilities, supporting the idea that they are assessing one homogeneous construct. In addition, presented an adequate nomological network: sadism were highly associated to low agreeableness, psychopathy, machiavellianism, narcissism and low compassion, as expected. To sum up, SSIS and ASP questionnaires may be used in Spanish population in order to obtain reliable and valid scores for the assessment of sadism.

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