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Title: Massively Multiplayer Online Roleplaying games: Comparing characteristics of addicted vs non-addicted gamers in a French adult population

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a manuscript entitled: « Massively Multiplayer Online Roleplaying games: Comparing characteristics of addicted vs non-addicted gamers in a French adult population » by Sophia Achab, Magali Nicolier, Frédéric Mauny, Julie Monnin, Benoit Trojak, Pierre Vandel, Daniel Sechter, Philip Gorwood and Emmanuel Haffen which we wish to submit to BMC Psychiatry.

The use of Internet has increased considerably over the last few years and within, player numbers of online role-playing game (MMORPG) but online video game use habits and problematic excessive use in adult population are poorly known. The aim of the study was to test 3 different addiction scales, the DSM-IV-TR substance that we have adapted for online video game (named DAS), the qualitative Goldberg Internet Addiction Disorder scale and the quantitative Orman Internet Stress Scale (ISS), in 453 French MMORPG gamers recruited during 10 consecutive months. Our results showed that DAS appeared a pertinent scale to assess MMORPG dependence which does not overestimate proportion of online video gamers addicted and which was associated with several behavioral disorders. Our results confirm the necessity of setting up a relevant prevention program against MMORPG overuse.

We believe our article will be of interest to your readers, particularly given the level of interest in this particular area.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Prof Emmanuel HAFFEN