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Title: A case control study of five factor model personality traits in opioid dependence

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Dear Editor,

Please find enclosed a submission to *BMC Psychiatry*, “A case control study of five factor model personality traits in opioid dependence”.

The paper reports differences in five-factor model personality traits between a sample of people with opioid dependence and a non-clinical control group. The study is quite unique in that the control group is age matched, and the differences are presented as effect sizes with power calculations. The findings may contribute to a better clinical and aetiological understanding of opioid dependence.

Some of the data in this paper has previously been presented in a poster at the XXI International Congress of Psychology in Beijing, China, August 9-13 2004. This is the last of four papers to be included in my doctoral dissertation. The other three papers, entitled “From maintenance to abstinence: a literature review” “Abstinence-orientated buprenorphine replacement therapy for young adults in outpatient counselling” and “Time-limited buprenorphine replacement therapy for opioid dependence: 2-year follow-up outcomes in relation to program completion and current agonist therapy status” have been published in *Drug and Alcohol Review*.

My co-author and I do not have any interests that might be interpreted as influencing the research, and national ethical guidelines have been followed.

I will be serving as the corresponding author for this manuscript. My co-author has agreed to the byline order and to the submission of the manuscript in this form. I have assumed responsibility for keeping my co-author informed of our progress through the editorial process, the content of the reviews, and any revisions made.

Sincerely,

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