Reviewer’s report

Title: A meta-regression analysis of 41 Australian problem gambling prevalence estimates and their relationship to total spending on electronic gaming machines

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It is an interesting paper which summarize a lot of information

In detail:

Abstract

Fine

Introduction

Fine. It states relevant points and emerges the need of conducting the research. Clear objective

Methods

They seem well structured but I do have some lack of knowledge to follow all the procedures which the Authors have adopted. I suggest to add some more information on the statistical analysis which are too much descriptive.

Results

Fine although I suggest to make the Figure 1 in an higher resolution

Discussion

The discussion seem pertinent with the results.

Bibliography.

It is updated and relevant
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