

Association between Sleep Quality and Personality Based on the Big Five Factor Model in a Non-clinical Sample

Lucas Santana Marques de Souza,^{1,✉} André Faro,^{1,✉}

¹ Programa de Pós-Graduação em Psicologia, Departamento de Psicologia, Universidade Federal de Sergipe, São Cristóvão, Brazil.

Correspondence:

Lucas Santana Marques de Souza
Av. Marechal Rondon, s/n - Jardim Rosa Elze, 49100-000, São Cristóvão, SE, Brasil.
Phone: +55 79 99808 9661
Email: lucas.souza.psiq@gmail.com

Received: 29 December 2023

Accepted: 24 April 2024

Citation:

Souza, L. S. M., & Faro, A. (2024). Association between Sleep Quality and Personality Based on the Big Five Factor Model in a Non-clinical Sample. *Salud Mental*, 47(6), 271-278.

DOI: 10.17711/SM.0185-3325.2024.033



ABSTRACT

Introduction. Sleep is essential for maintaining health, well-being, and functionality. The personality traits of the Five Factor Model (FFM) have proven promising as determinants of sleep quality. **Objective.** To explore the relationship between personality traits and sleep quality in a Brazilian sample by testing a predictive model based on multiple linear regression. **Method.** The study involved 447 adult participants (with an average age of 37.7 years), who completed an online survey including the following instruments: a sociodemographic questionnaire, the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI-BR), the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-4), and the Big Five Inventory (BFI). Participants were selected through social media advertisements calling for volunteers for a study on sleep quality. **Results.** The regression model revealed that age, educational attainment, family income, BMI, neuroticism, and psychopathological symptoms were predictors of sleep quality. The gender, conscientiousness, extraversion, and agreeableness variables were not predictors of sleep quality in the multivariate analysis. **Discussion and conclusion.** The study emphasizes the role of neuroticism in predicting sleep quality over other personality traits. Additionally, the results suggest that the risk of or protection against the development of anxiety and depressive symptoms is a key mechanism linking personality traits to sleep. These findings can therefore contribute to identifying individuals at risk for sleep disturbances and developing health intervention strategies.

Keywords: Personality, sleep quality, behavioral medicine, mental health.

RESUMEN

Introducción. El sueño es esencial para mantener la salud, el bienestar y la funcionalidad. Los rasgos de personalidad del Modelo de Cinco Factores (MCF) han mostrado ser prometedores como determinantes de la calidad del sueño. **Objetivo.** Explorar la relación entre los rasgos de personalidad y la calidad del sueño en una muestra brasileña, probando un modelo predictivo basado en la regresión lineal múltiple. **Método.** El estudio involucró a 447 participantes adultos (edad promedio: 37.7 años) que completaron una encuesta en línea utilizando los siguientes instrumentos: un cuestionario sociodemográfico, el Índice de Calidad del Sueño de Pittsburgh (PSQI-BR), el Cuestionario de Salud del Paciente (PHQ-4) y el Inventario de los Cinco Grandes (BFI). Los participantes fueron seleccionados mediante anuncios en redes sociales que invitaban a participar voluntariamente en un estudio sobre la calidad del sueño. **Resultados.** El modelo de regresión reveló que la edad, el nivel de educación, el ingreso familiar, el IMC, el neuroticismo y la presencia de síntomas psicopatológicos fueron predictores de la calidad del sueño. Las variables de género, conciencia, extraversión y amabilidad no fueron predictoras de la calidad del sueño en el análisis multivariante. **Discusión y conclusión.** El estudio enfatiza el papel del neuroticismo en la predicción de la calidad del sueño sobre otros rasgos de personalidad. Además, los resultados sugieren que el riesgo o protección contra el desarrollo de síntomas de ansiedad y depresivos es un mecanismo clave que vincula los rasgos de personalidad con el sueño. Por lo tanto, estos hallazgos pueden ayudar a identificar a individuos en riesgo de trastornos del sueño y en el desarrollo de estrategias de intervención en salud.

Palabras clave: Personalidad, calidad del sueño, medicina conductual, salud mental.

INTRODUCTION

Sleep plays a crucial role in maintaining health and well-being in a variety of ways. Chronic sleep deprivation has been associated with an increased risk of developing cardiovascular diseases (Guasch-Ferré et al., 2022), obesity (Hur et al., 2021), Type 2 diabetes mellitus (Mostafa et al., 2022), metabolic syndrome (Smiley et al., 2019), and a weakened immune response (Prather et al., 2021). Sleep deprivation has also been associated with a higher incidence of depressive and anxiety disorders (Chen et al., 2017; Chunnan et al., 2022), exacerbation of suicidal behavior (Wang et al., 2019), substance abuse, and psychotic disorders (Hertenstein et al., 2019).

Since sleep patterns can be modified using health interventions, they constitute a modifiable risk factor for various conditions (Kyle & Henry, 2017). They provide an opportunity for health damage prevention and improving the quality of life and functioning of individuals. To understand the development of changes in sleep quality, it is crucial to realize that it is shaped by the complex interaction of various factors. This will make it possible to identify targets for therapeutic strategies, enabling the enhancement and individualization of treatment (Grandner & Fernandez, 2021).

Personality is a promising determinant of modifying sleep quality because its relatively stable nature can enhance understanding of the development of health conditions across the lifespan (Kern & Friedman, 2017). The Five Factor Model (FFM) categorizes personality traits into five measurable domains: neuroticism, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness, and openness to experience (John, 2021). Certain features of this model make it suitable for the context of health psychology. The clear division into independent and measurable domains is useful since it permits direct correlations with specific outcomes. Moreover, its well-established cross-cultural validity enables the comparison of results across different world regions (Kern & Friedman, 2017).

According to FFM, neuroticism is associated with greater vulnerability to stress and an increased likelihood of experiencing negative emotions such as sadness, fear, and anger. Conversely, conscientiousness is associated with a predilection for self-discipline, organization, diligence, and goal-orientation. Extraversion describes individuals who lean towards sociability, are active, and often experience positive emotions. Agreeableness is characterized by a tendency to be cooperative, empathetic, trustworthy, and altruistic. Lastly, openness to experience denotes an inclination towards creativity, imagination, and embracing new experiences (John, 2021).

Evaluations of the personality traits of the Five-Factor Model (FFM) and their potential correlations with sleep have found that neuroticism consistently demonstrates a

negative correlation with sleep quality, which is more pronounced than that of other personality traits. On the other hand, the traits of conscientiousness and extraversion were associated with better sleep quality in most studies. However, the traits of agreeableness and openness to experience showed inconsistent results (Souza, 2023).

It is crucial, however, to assess personality traits together with the determinants of sleep quality because they may have unique relationships with personality and enhance our understanding of the association between personality and sleep (Costa et al., 2019; Sutin et al., 2011; Weisberg et al., 2011; Williams et al., 2021). Since multivariate analyses can compare the predictive power of each variable, they were used to determine the extent to which each variable contributes to sleep quality.

The present study primarily aimed to explore the relationship between personality traits and sleep quality. It therefore sought to describe the sample profile in terms of sleep quality, personality profile based on the FFM model, sociodemographic and clinical data, and test a multiple regression model designed to predict sleep quality based on these variables.

METHOD

Participants

The questionnaire was answered by 489 participants from the general population, aged eighteen and over, regardless of gender and residing in any region of Brazil. Convenience sampling was used to recruit participants. An online survey was disseminated through social media (such as Instagram, email, and WhatsApp), targeting those in this age bracket. The invitation specified that the study involved a questionnaire on sleep quality, explaining that participation would be voluntary. The informed consent form (ICF) was provided in the first section of the online survey, requiring participants to provide their consent before accessing the main questionnaire. The self-administered questionnaire showed an average response time of approximately fourteen minutes.

A total of 489 individuals answered the online survey. However, fourteen participants were excluded due to the incorrect completion of the questionnaires, nineteen were excluded for being sixty-five years or older, four for being under 18, and one for frequently appearing as an outlier, indicating incorrect completion. Furthermore, four participants who identified as transgender or another gender were excluded because the small sample size would make statistical analysis unfeasible. The final data analysis therefore included 447 participants. Answer spaces left blank for weight and height items were completed with average values.

Measurements

Sociodemographic Questionnaire: This was prepared by the research team to identify the characteristics of the study sample. It included age (in years), gender (male, female, or other), educational attainment (complete or incomplete primary, secondary, or tertiary education), employment status, family income (in minimum wages), and previous medical and psychiatric history.

Brazilian Portuguese version of the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI-BR): This instrument comprises ten items assessing sleep quality across seven components: subjective quality, latency, duration, habitual efficiency, sleep disturbances, use of sleep medication, and daytime dysfunction. The sum of the seven components yields a global score ranging from 0 to 21. The cutoff point of five can be used to distinguish “good sleepers” from “poor sleepers.” The index has been used across various populations, including those with clinical illnesses, and can be used to assess sleep impairment regardless of the underlying cause. In the Brazilian validation study, it demonstrated a high degree of internal consistency with a Cronbach’s alpha of .82 (Bertolazi et al., 2011; Buysse et al., 1989).

Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-4): This is an ultra-brief tool comprising four items useful for screening depressive and anxiety symptoms. It contains two subscales: the first two assessing depressive symptoms and the last two evaluating anxiety symptoms, yielding two scores ranging from zero to six. Scores above three on each scale indicate the presence of depression or anxiety symptoms (Kroenke et al., 2009). A Brazilian study identified a Cronbach’s alpha of .77 and .79 for depression and anxiety, respectively (Silva & Faro, 2021).

Big Five Inventory (BFI): This comprises forty-four items, with four items for each personality factor. Each item is rated from one to five based on agreement or disagreement with propositions about self-perception. Each factor receives an independent score calculated from the arithmetic mean of the scores of the four items assessing them. In a Brazilian sample, internal consistency, as indicated by Cronbach’s alpha, was .72, .69, .56, .69, and .69 for extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, neuroticism, and openness to experience, respectively (Gouveia et al., 2021).

Statistical analysis

The data analysis was conducted using JAMOVI 2.3. Initially, descriptive-exploratory statistical analyses were performed to determine sample characteristics and verify normality assumptions for the variables included in the study. Outlier values in personality trait measurements were filled with the mean value plus or minus one standard deviation, depending on their original trend: conscientiousness, three cases; extraversion, two cases; agreeableness, six cases;

and openness to experience, three cases. Student’s *t*-tests or Mann-Whitney *U* tests were performed to explore the association between sleep quality and binary variables, while correlation tests were used to assess the association between sleep quality and continuous variables. Statistical significance was set at *p* value < .05. Based on the correlation test results, variables were selected for inclusion in the multiple linear regression model (using the “Enter” method), in which the overall PSQI-BR score was used as the dependent variable.

Ethical considerations

The Human Research Ethics Committee of the Federal University of Sergipe (CAAE: Tag: 59193422.8.0000.5546) approved the project associated with this study. The online ICF was placed in the initial section of the online survey, requiring participants to provide their agreement before accessing the actual questionnaire. The ICF informed participants of their rights when participating in the study and provided a brief explanation of the topic of the study and its overall objective. Since the survey was intended for adults, participants who indicated that they were under eighteen were excluded from the data analysis.

RESULTS

The majority of the sample were female (74.5%, 333). The average age was 37.7 years (*SD* = 13.0), with 86.1% (385) having completed or partially completed higher education and 13.9% (62) having completed or partially completed secondary or primary education. The family income of 37.6% (168) of the participants was less than or equal to three minimum wages. The average score for the PSQI-BR was 7.84 (*SD* = 3.89). According to the established cut-off point of ≥ 6 , it was found that 69.4% (310) of participants had poor sleep.

The PHQ-4 results showed that 34.2% (153) of participants displayed depression symptoms and 42.1% (188) anxiety symptoms. Combining the results of the two subscales revealed that 52.6% (235) showed no symptoms, 13.2% (59) only anxiety symptoms, 5.4% (24) only depression symptoms, while 28.9% (129) displayed both symptoms. Women showed more anxiety ($X^2[1] = 13.3, p < .001$) and depression ($X^2[1] = 67.8, p < .001$) symptoms.

Associations with higher PSQI-BR scores were found in the following variables: older age ($r[445] = .176, p < .001$), higher BMI ($r[445] = .161, p < .001$), female gender ($U[445] = 16109, p = .009$), primary or secondary educational attainment ($t[445] = 6.18, p < .001$), family income of less than three minimum wages ($t[445] = 5.71, p < .001$), presence of depression symptoms ($t[445] = -10.4, p < .001$), and presence of anxiety symptoms ($U[445] = 10095, p < .001$).

Table 1

Pearson's *r* values in partial correlation tests between FFM traits and overall PSQI-BR score, controlling for sociodemographic and clinical variables

Control	Neuroticism	Conscientiousness	Extraversion	Agreeableness	Openness to experience
Without control	.420***	-.118*	-.107*	-.108*	.032
Age	.440***	-.172***	-.119*	-.131**	.004
+ Gender	.430***	-.178***	-.129**	-.133**	.019
+ Education	.415***	-.172***	-.104*	-.119*	.031
+ Income	.406***	-.167***	-.102*	-.108*	.013
+ BMI	.399***	-.170***	-.117*	-.105*	.018
+ Anxiety or depressive symptoms	.176***	-.100*	-.015	.006	.018

Note: The control variable indicated in each line was added to the analysis performed in the preceding line.

*** $p < .001$; ** $p < .01$; * $p < .05$.

The presence of anxiety and depressive symptoms was associated with high neuroticism ($t[44] = -12.861, p < .001$ and $t[445] = -11.309, p < .001$) and low conscientiousness ($t[445] = 3.352, p < .001$ and $t[445] = 3.980, p < .001$), extraversion ($U[445] = 19516, p < .001$ and $t[445] = 5.334, p < .001$), and agreeableness ($t[445] = 4.136, p < .001$ and $t[445] = 5.739, p < .001$).

Sleep quality was correlated with low neuroticism ($r[445] = .420, p < .001$) and high conscientiousness ($r[445] = -.181, p = .012$), extraversion ($r[445] = -.107, p = .024$), and agreeableness ($r[445] = -.108, p = .022$), but showed no correlation with openness to experience ($r[445] = .032, p = .500$). Table 1 displays the results of partial correlation

tests between PSQI-BR and personality traits, controlling for sociodemographic and clinical variables.

To test the multiple regression model, the “depression symptoms” and “anxiety symptoms” variables were reformulated into a trichotomous variable. The variable was encoded in the regression model as a *dummy* comprising the following items: absence of depression or anxiety symptoms, presence of only depression or anxiety symptoms, and concurrent presence of depression and anxiety symptoms. This choice was made due to the strong association between the presence of anxiety and depression symptoms ($X^2[1] = 170, p < .001$, Cramer's $V = .617$), which could result in multicollinearity.

Table 2

Multiple Linear Regression Summary for the Global Score of PSQI-BR using Sociodemographic Data, Personality Traits, and Symptoms of Anxiety and Depression

Predictor	B	SE	95% CI		p^{\dagger}	β	95% CI		ΔR^2_{adj}	p^{\dagger}
			LL	UL			LL	UL		
Intercept	-2.118	1.675	-5.410	1.174	.207	-	-	-	-	-
Age (years)	.052	.012	.028	.076	< .001	.174	.093	.254	.029*	-
Gender									.011	.013
Male – Female	.362	.342	-.311	1.034	.291	.093	-.079	.265		
Educational attainment									.062	< .001
Higher – Primary or secondary	1.195	.474	.264	2.127	.012	.307	.068	.547		
Family income									.025	< .001
Greater than 3 MW – Less than 3 MW	.922	.330	.272	1.572	.006	.237	.070	.404		
BMI	.081	.029	.025	.137	.005	.112	.035	.189	.017	.002
Extraversion	.055	.197	-.331	.441	.780	.011	-.068	.091	.012	.014
Agreeableness	.581	.286	.020	1.142	.042	.087	.003	.171	.005	.118
Conscientiousness	-.411	.228	-.859	.038	.072	-.073	-.152	.007	.016	.003
Neuroticism	.908	.217	.481	1.335	< .001	.204	.108	.299	.117	< .001
PHQ-4									.100	< .001
Anxiety or depression – None	2.233	.411	1.426	3.040	< .001	.574	.367	.782		
Both – None	3.391	.412	2.582	4.200	< .001	.872	.664	1.080		

Note: B: Regression coefficient. SE: Standard Error. p^{\dagger} : p -value for the variable in the final model. β : Standardized regression coefficient. ΔR^2_{adj} : Increase in the adjusted determination coefficient. p^{\dagger} : p -value corresponding to the increase in the determination coefficient. 95% CI: Confidence Interval. LL: Lower Limit. UL: Upper Limit. MW: Minimum Wage. BMI: Body Mass Index. * As it is the first variable entered, the value refers to the adjusted determination coefficient (R^2_{adj}) rather than R^2 .

$R^2_{adj} = .387, F(11, 435) = 26.6, p < .001$. The F -test varied from 14.2 to 26.6 with the inclusion of variables, showing a p -value of < .001. The Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) value varied from 2474 to 2278 with the inclusion of variables. The VIF (Variance Inflation Factor) value ranged from 1.04 (gender) to 1.31 (neuroticism). Durbin-Watson Statistics = 1.96.

The final regression model showed a satisfactory fit, with an adjusted coefficient of determination (R^2_{adj}) of .387, indicating that it could explain 38.7% of the PSQI-BR score variance. Despite showing statistically significant associations at the bivariate level, the gender, conscientiousness, and extraversion variables were not found to predict sleep quality in the multiple linear regression model (Table 2).

The variables found to be significant in predicting sleep quality were age ($\beta = .174, p < .001$), educational attainment ($\beta = .307, p = .012$), family income ($\beta = .237, p = .006$), BMI ($\beta = .112, p = .005$), neuroticism ($\beta = .204, p < .001$), agreeableness ($\beta = .087, p = .042$), and presence of psychopathological symptoms (anxiety or depression symptoms [$\beta = .574, p < .001$] and both symptomologies [$\beta = .872, p < .001$]). In terms of individually explained variance, the most significant variables, in descending order, were neuroticism ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .117, p < .001$), psychopathological symptoms ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .100, p < .001$), educational attainment ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .062, p < .001$), age ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .029$), family income ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .025, p < .001$), and BMI ($\Delta R^2_{adj} = .017, p = .002$).

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The global scores for the PSQI-BR in the present study were higher than those of similar studies worldwide. The average score was 7.84 ($SD = 3.89$), compared to 4.76 ($SD = 2.92$) in Italy (Cellini et al., 2017), and 6.93 ($SD = 4.31$) in the USA (Gamaldo et al., 2020). This outcome was expected, given that Brazil has one of the highest global prevalence rates of insomnia (Morin & Jarrin, 2022). In a bivariate analysis, the PSQI-BR score was associated with higher neuroticism and lower conscientiousness, extraversion, and agreeableness. This finding aligns with the results of previous studies (Souza, 2023). The present study therefore contributes to advancing the understanding of this association by proposing a multivariate analysis, considering other determinants of sleep quality, as discussed below.

Neuroticism demonstrated predictive power for sleep quality ($\beta = .204, p < .001$), displaying the most significant increase in explanatory capacity in the regression model ($\Delta R^2_{aj} = .117, p < .001$). This finding underscores the significance of this trait over others, encouraging more in-depth research. In the existing literature, various mechanisms have been proposed to explain the link between neuroticism and the deterioration of sleep quality. These include increased stress sensitivity and vulnerability to anxiety and depressive disorders that may present with sleep-related symptoms (Lai, 2018; Gamaldo et al., 2020), the presence of unhealthy sleep habits (Sella et al., 2020), heightened cognitive activation and the inability to control one's thoughts (Cellini et al., 2017), together with an inflated assessment of sleep impairment (Sutin et al., 2020). The association between

neuroticism and sleep could explain the positive outcomes achieved through mindfulness-based therapies for insomnia symptoms (Perini et al., 2023). This is because individuals with high neuroticism exhibit greater stress reactivity and benefit more from emotional regulation strategies (Carver & Connor-Smith, 2010).

Despite correlating with sleep quality at a bivariate level, conscientiousness and extraversion traits failed to show predictive capacity in the regression model tested ($\beta = -.073, p = .072$ and $\beta = .011, p = .780$, respectively). Nevertheless, it was observed that the conscientiousness trait maintained a statistically significant correlation with sleep quality, even when all other non-personality trait variables had been controlled for. This suggests that the loss of this trait in the regression model was linked to its association with other personality traits. The tendency toward impulsivity is a prime example of behavior that intersects with traits from the FFM. Impulsivity has a strong inverse correlation with the “self-control” facet of conscientiousness, but can also stem from novelty-seeking in highly extroverted individuals or manifest as neuroticism when stemming from emotional instability (Jackson & Roberts, 2017). The main mechanism proposed to explain the relationship between conscientiousness and sleep is the adoption of healthy habits. Individuals with higher conscientiousness are more likely to engage in regular physical exercise and follow a healthy diet, thereby reducing the risk of obesity and other conditions that can negatively impact sleep (Duggan et al., 2014; Rochefort et al., 2019). At the same time, possible explanations for the association between extraversion and sleep include increased physical activity (Gamaldo et al., 2020) and reduced stress sensitivity (Lai, 2018).

The trait of agreeableness showed predictive power for poor sleep quality in the regression model ($\beta = .087, p = .042$), contrary to what was found in the bivariate analysis ($r[445] = -.108, p = .022$). However, when added to the model, it did not significantly increase explained variance ($\Delta R^2_{aj} = .005, p = .118$). Furthermore, this trait showed no correlation with sleep quality when controlling for the same variables in the model, excluding other personality traits. These findings suggest that most of the information provided by the agreeableness trait may be redundant or already explained by other traits, thereby only minimally contributing to predicting sleep quality.

Another crucial point to consider is the weakening strength of the correlations between all four personality traits and sleep quality when the effects of anxiety and depressive symptoms are controlled for. This result suggests that a significant portion of the predictive power of personality traits for sleep quality stems from their exposure to or protection against the development of psychopathological symptoms. Both depression and anxiety disorders follow a pattern in relation to the personality traits of the FFM: high neuroticism and low conscientiousness and extraversion.

sion (Kotov et al., 2010). Findings on agreeableness show contradictions across studies, while openness to experience typically has no correlation with the incidence of mental disorders (Bagby et al., 2017).

Age was a predictive variable for sleep quality in the regression model tested ($\beta = .174, p < .001$). As age increases, sleep tends to deteriorate in regard to both quality and quantity. Changes can manifest as difficulty falling and remaining sleep, a reduction in total sleep duration, changes in sleep patterns, and alterations in sleep architecture. Although these changes are more intense among older adults, they may be observed during adulthood (Chaput et al., 2018). Furthermore, personality traits can change as a person ages. In the present study, the association between conscientiousness and sleep quality strengthened when age was controlled for as a variable. This can be explained by the normative pattern of modification of this trait, characterized by its increase over time (Costa et al., 2019).

BMI was a predictor of sleep quality in the regression model ($\beta = .112, p = .005$). Sleep disruption has been associated with the disruption of satiety-related hormones, resulting in increased food intake. Furthermore, increased fatigue, decreased physical activity, and increased opportunities to eat can contribute to the exacerbation of obesity (St-Onge et al., 2011). Conversely, a higher BMI has been associated with the worsening of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome (OSAS) (Bacaro et al., 2020). BMI therefore has a complex, bidirectional relationship with sleep, as observed in the regression model. However, contrary to expectations, this variable showed no correlation with conscientiousness and did not alter the association between this trait and sleep (Jia et al., 2022).

Educational attainment ($\beta = .307, p = .012$) and family income ($\beta = .237, p = .006$) were also significant predictors of sleep quality. The literature indicates that socioeconomic variables such as educational attainment, parents' educational attainment, annual family income, perception of financial well-being, type of employment, and employment status can influence sleep patterns, thereby supporting the findings of the present study (Philippens et al., 2022; Sosso et al., 2021).

The main limitations of this study are associated with its non-probabilistic sampling. Most participants, for instance, have either completed or partially completed higher education (86.1%), a figure that contrasts with the 23.3% reported by the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE, 2022) for the total Brazilian population. This may have occurred due to the fact that the survey was disseminated on social media restricted to the university environment. Another example is the predominance of females in the sample. This demographic skew could potentially introduce a bias into average PSQI scores, suggesting that results should be interpreted with caution, although the higher incidence of insomnia among women has been well-documented (Zeng et al., 2020). Nonetheless, a similar pattern

can be observed in previous studies (Souza, 2023), suggesting that this should not restrict the comparison of the findings of this study with those of others. Due to methodological and statistical limitations, this study did not consider other sleep-related determinants such as sleep habits, type of occupation, geographical and climatic factors, and family history of sleep alterations. Another potential limitation is the lack of objective sleep measures such as actigraphy or polysomnography. Comparing objectively and subjectively measured sleep can provide insights into the role of individual sleep assessment, which is of interest when evaluating personality (Catherman et al., 2023).

Despite these limitations, the present study contributes to the understanding of the association between personality traits and other variables in predicting sleep quality. In short, the importance of neuroticism in predicting sleep quality is emphasized over other personality traits in the FFM. Beyond personality-related aspects, neuroticism has shown significant importance when compared to other determinants of sleep quality, prompting further investigations into its role in sleep and overall health. Future research on this topic could also use objective sleep measurements and opt for a longitudinal design, allowing for an understanding of the role of personality over time in its association with sleep and other variables. Understanding and improving sleep care is an opportunity for health psychology, with potential implications for various aspects of health and well-being.

Funding

The National Council for Scientific and Technological Development [Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq)] contributed to the funding of this research (Finance Code 001 - Andre Faro). This research also received funding through the "EDITAL POSGRAP/COPGD/UFES Nº 16/2023: Apoio a Publicações Científicas de Alto Impacto" for its translation into English. The source of financial support played no role in the conceptualization of the study, data collection, data analysis, or any other part of the research project.

Conflict of interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

REFERENCES

- Bacaro, V., Ballesio, A., Cerolini, S., Vacca, M., Poggiogalle, E., Donini, L. M., Lucidi, F., & Lombardo, C. (2020). Sleep duration and obesity in adulthood: an updated systematic review and meta-analysis. *Obesity Research & Clinical Practice, 14*(4), 301-309. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.orcp.2020.03.004>
- Bagby, R. M., Uliaszek, A. A., Gralnick, T. M., & Al-Dajani N. (2017). Axis I Disorders. In T. A. Widiger (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of the Five Factor Model* (pp. 479-506). Oxford University Press.
- Bertolazi, A. N., Fagundes, S. C., Hoff, L. S., Dartora, E. G., da Silva Miozzo, I. C., de Barba, M. E. F., & Barreto, S. S. M. (2011). Validation of the Brazilian Portuguese version of the Pittsburgh sleep quality index. *Sleep Medicine, 12*(1), 70-75. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleep.2010.04.020>
- Buysse, D. J., Reynolds III, C. F., Monk, T. H., Berman, S. R., & Kupfer, D. J. (1989). The Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index: a new instrument for psychiat-

- ric practice and research. *Psychiatry Research*, 28(2), 193-213. [https://doi.org/10.1016/0165-1781\(89\)90047-4](https://doi.org/10.1016/0165-1781(89)90047-4)
- Carver, C. S., & Connor-Smith, J. (2010). Personality and coping. *Annual Review of Psychology*, 61, 679-704. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev.psych.093008.100352>
- Catherman, C., Cassidy, S., Benca-Bachman, C. E., Barber, J. M., & Palmer, R. H. C. (2023). Associations between neuroticism, subjective sleep quality, and depressive symptoms across the first year of college. *Journal of American College Health*, 71(2), 381-388. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1891917>
- Cellini, N., Duggan, K. A., & Sarlo, M. (2017). Perceived sleep quality: The interplay of neuroticism, affect, and hyperarousal. *Sleep Health*, 3(3), 184-189. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2017.03.001>
- Chaput, J. P., Dutil, C., & Sampasa-Kanyinga, H. (2018). Sleeping hours: what is the ideal number and how does age impact this? *Nature and Science of Sleep*, 10, 421-430. <https://doi.org/10.2147/NSS.S163071>
- Chen, P. J., Huang, C. L. C., Weng, S. F., Wu, M. P., Ho, C. H., Wang, J. J., Tsai, W. C., & Hsu, Y. W. (2017). Relapse insomnia increases greater risk of anxiety and depression: evidence from a population-based 4-year cohort study. *Sleep Medicine*, 38, 122-129. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleep.2017.07.016>
- Chunnan, L., Shaomei, S., & Wannian, L. (2022). The association between sleep and depressive symptoms in US adults: data from the NHANES (2007–2014). *Epidemiology and Psychiatric Sciences*, 31, e63. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S2045796022000452>
- Costa, P. T., Jr., McCrae, R. R., & Löckenhoff, C. E. (2019). Personality across the life span. *Annual Review of Psychology*, 70, 423-448. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-psych-010418-103244>
- Duggan, K. A., Friedman, H. S., McDevitt, E. A., & Mednick, S. C. (2014). Personality and healthy sleep: the importance of conscientiousness and neuroticism. *PloS One*, 9(3), e90628. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0090628>
- Gamaldo, A. A., Sardina, A. L., Sutin, A., Cruz, T. E., Salas, R. M. E., Gamaldo, C. E., Buxton, O. M., & Andel, R. (2020). Facets of personality related to sleep habits in Black adults. *Sleep Health*, 6(2), 232-239. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2019.10.004>
- Gouveia, V. V., Araújo, R. D. C. R., de Oliveira, I. C. V., Gonçalves, M. P., Milfont, T., de Holanda Coelho, G. L., Santos, W., de Medeiros, E. D., Soares, A. K. S., Monteiro, R. P., de Andrade, J. M., Cavalcanti, T. M., Nascimento B., & Gouveia, R. (2021). A Short Version of the Big Five Inventory (BFI-20): Evidence on Construct Validity. *Revista Interamericana de Psicología/Interamerican Journal of Psychology*, 55(1), e1312. <https://doi.org/10.30849/ripij.v55i1.1312>
- Grandner, M. A., & Fernandez, F. X. (2021). The translational neuroscience of sleep: a contextual framework. *Science*, 374(6567), 568-573. <https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abj8188>
- Guasch-Ferré, M., Li, Y., Bhupathiraju, S. N., Huang, T., Drouin-Chartier, J. P., Manson, J. E., Sun, Q., Rimm, E. B., Rexrode, K. M., Willett, W. C., Stampfer, M. J., & Hu, F. B. (2022). Healthy lifestyle score including sleep duration and cardiovascular disease risk. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 63(1), 33-42. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2022.01.027>
- Hertenstein, E., Feige, B., Gmeiner, T., Kienzler, C., Spiegelhalter, K., Johann, A., Jansson-Fröjmark, M., Palagini, L., Rücker, G., Riemann, D., & Baglioni, C. (2019). Insomnia as a predictor of mental disorders: a systematic review and meta-analysis. *Sleep Medicine Reviews*, 43, 96-105. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.smr.2018.10.006>
- Hur, S., Oh, B., Kim, H., & Kwon, O. (2021). Associations of diet quality and sleep quality with obesity. *Nutrients*, 13(9), 3181. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu13093181>
- Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística [IBGE]. (2022). *Pesquisa Nacional por Amostra de Domicílios Contínua. Nota técnica 02/2022 (jul. 2022 - atualizada em 15 ago. 2022): Sobre o módulo anual de Educação em 2020 e 2021*. Retrieved from <https://www.ibge.gov.br/estatisticas/sociais/populacao/17270-pnad-continua.html?=&t=notas-tecnicas> HYPERLINK "https://www.ibge.gov.br/estatisticas/sociais/populacao/17270-pnad-continua.html?=&t=notas-tecnicas"=notas-tecnicas
- Jackson, J. J., & Roberts, B. (2017). Conscientiousness. In T. A. Widiger (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of the Five Factor Model* (pp. 479-506). Oxford University Press.
- Jia, X., Huang, Y., Yu, W., Ming, W. K., Qi, F., & Wu, Y. (2022). A moderated mediation model of the relationship between family dynamics and sleep quality in college students: the role of Big Five personality and only-child status. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 19(6), 3576. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19063576>
- John, O. P. (2021). History, measurement, and conceptual elaboration of the Big Five trait taxonomy: The paradigm matures. In O. P. John & R. W. Robins (Eds.). *Handbook of Personality: Theory and Research* (pp. 35-82). The Guilford Press.
- Kern, M. L., & Friedman, H. S. (2017). Health psychology. In T. A. Widiger (Ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of the Five Factor Model* (pp. 403-422). Oxford University Press. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199352487.013.2>
- Kotov, R., Gamez, W., Schmidt, F., & Watson, D. (2010). Linking "big" personality traits to anxiety, depressive, and substance use disorders: A meta-analysis. *Psychological Bulletin*, 136(5), 768-821. <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0020327>
- Kroenke, K., Spitzer, R. L., Williams, J. B. W., & Löwe, B. (2009). An ultra-brief screening scale for anxiety and depression: The PHQ-4. *Psychosomatics*, 50(6), 613-621. <https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.psy.50.6.613>
- Kyle, S. D., & Henry, A. L. (2017). Sleep is a modifiable determinant of health: Implications and opportunities for health psychology. *British Journal of Health Psychology*, 22(4), 661-670. <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjhp.12251>
- Lai, C. C. W. (2018). The mediating role of sleep quality in the relationship between personality and subjective well-being. *SAGE Open*, 8(2), 2158244018773139. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2158244018773139>
- Morin, C. M., & Jarrin, D. C. (2022). Epidemiology of insomnia: prevalence, course, risk factors, and public health burden. *Sleep Medicine Clinics*, 17(2), 173-191. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jsmc.2022.03.003>
- Mostafa, S. A., Mena, S. C., Antza, C., Balanos, G., Nirantharakumar, K., & Taharani, A. A. (2022). Sleep behaviours and associated habits and the progression of pre-diabetes to type 2 diabetes mellitus in adults: A systematic review and meta-analysis. *Diabetes and Vascular Disease Research*, 19(3), 14791641221088824. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14791641221088824>
- Perini, F., Wong, K. F., Lin, J., Hassirim, Z., Ong, J. L., Lo, J., Ong, J. C., Doshi, K & Lim, J. (2023). Mindfulness-based therapy for insomnia for older adults with sleep difficulties: A randomized clinical trial. *Psychological Medicine*, 53(3), 1038-1048. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0033291721002476>
- Philippens, N., Janssen, E., Kremers, S., & Crutzen, R. (2022). Determinants of natural adult sleep: An umbrella review. *PloS One*, 17(11), e0277323. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0277323>
- Prather, A. A., Pressman, S. D., Miller, G. E., & Cohen, S. (2021). Temporal links between self-reported sleep and antibody responses to the influenza vaccine. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 28, 151-158. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12529-020-09879-4>
- Rocheffort, C., Hoerger, M., Turiano, N. A., & Duberstein, P. (2019). Big Five personality and health in adults with and without cancer. *Journal of Health Psychology*, 24(11), 1494-1504. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1359105317753714>
- Sella, E., Carbone, E., Toffalini, E., & Borella, E. (2020). Personality traits and sleep quality: The role of sleep-related beliefs. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 156, 109770. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2019.109770>
- Silva, L., & Faro, A. (2021). Adaptação e propriedades psicométricas da versão brasileira da Escala de Frustração e Desconforto. *Avances en Psicología Latinoamericana*, 39(2). <https://doi.org/10.12804/revistas.urosario.edu.co/apl/a.10561>
- Smiley, A., King, D., & Bidulescu, A. (2019). The association between sleep duration and metabolic syndrome: the NHANES 2013/2014. *Nutrients*, 11(11), 2582. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nu11112582>
- Sosso, F. A. E., Holmes, S. D., & Weinstein, A. A. (2021). Influence of socioeconomic status on objective sleep measurement: A systematic review and meta-analysis of actigraphy studies. *Sleep Health*, 7(4), 417-428. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2021.05.005>
- Souza, L. S. M. (2023). *Personalidade segundo o modelo dos cinco grandes fatores e suas relações com a qualidade do sono em uma amostra não clínica* [Dissertação de mestrado, Universidade Federal de Sergipe]. Biblioteca Central Universidade Federal de Sergipe.
- St-Onge, M. P., Roberts, A. L., Chen, J., Kelleman, M., O'Keeffe, M., RoyChoudhury, A., & Jones, P. J. (2011). Short sleep duration increases energy intakes but does not change energy expenditure in normal-weight individuals. *The Amer-*

- ican Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, 94(2), 410-416. <https://doi.org/10.3945/ajcn.111.013904>
- Sutin, A. R., Ferrucci, L., Zonderman, A. B., & Terracciano, A. (2011). Personality and obesity across the adult life span. *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 101(3), 579-592. <https://doi.org/10.1037/a0024286>
- Sutin, A. R., Gamaldo, A. A., Stephan, Y., Strickhouser, J. E., & Terracciano, A. (2020). Personality traits and the subjective and objective experience of sleep. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, 27(4), 481-485. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12529-019-09828-w>
- Wang, X., Cheng, S., & Xu, H. (2019). Systematic review and meta-analysis of the relationship between sleep disorders and suicidal behaviour in patients with depression. *BMC Psychiatry*, 19(1), 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12888-019-2302-5> OK
- Weisberg, Y. J., DeYoung, C. G., & Hirsh, J. B. (2011). Gender differences in personality across the ten aspects of the Big Five. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 2, 178. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2011.00178>
- Williams, A. L., Craske, M. G., Mineka, S., & Zinbarg, R. E. (2021). Neuroticism and the longitudinal trajectories of anxiety and depressive symptoms in older adolescents. *Journal of Abnormal Psychology*, 130(2), 126. <https://doi.org/10.1037/abn0000638>
- Zeng, L. N., Zong, Q. Q., Yang, Y., Zhang, L., Xiang, Y. F., Ng, C. H., Chen, L. G., & Xiang, Y. T. (2020). Gender difference in the prevalence of insomnia: meta-analysis of observational studies. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 11, 577429. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.577429>