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RELATIONSHIP OF SOCIAL ANXIETY SEVERITY WITH DRINKING MOTIVES AMONG MALE ALCOHOL DEPENDENT INPATIENTS

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Objective: Aim of this study was to investigate the relationship of social anxiety (SA) severity with drinking motives in male alcohol dependent inpatients.

Method: Participants were 155 consecutively admitted male alcohol dependents. Patients were investigated with the Drinking Motives Questionnaire—Revised (DMQ-R), the Social Phobia Scale (SPS), and the Social Interaction Anxiety Scale (SIAS).

Results: Mean scores of DMQ-R subscales were positively correlated with social anxiety scales in different degrees. Conformity motives predicted both SPS (together with social motives) and SIAS.

Conclusions: SPS which evaluates social phobia-circumscribed type was predicted by conformity and social motives, whereas SIAS which evaluates social phobia-generalised type was predicted by only conformity motives. This suggests that different types of motivation may be related with different types of social phobia.