

Responsible Gambling Funding

This codebook provides information about the data used to generate statistics for a recent study that examined the relationship between funding sources and scientific findings within the extant responsible gambling literature (Ladouceur, Robert & Shaffer, Paige & Blaszczynski, Alex & Shaffer, Howard (2018). Responsible Gambling Research and Industry Funding Biases. *Journal of Gambling Studies*. 10.1007/s10899-018-9792-9.) Specifically, this study examined whether there are different characteristics, including design/methodologies of responsible gambling (RG), between studies funded by industry compared to other sources. To investigate this hypothesis, the authors used those studies included in a recent meta-analysis focusing on the empirical basis of RG initiatives (Ladouceur et al. in *Addiction Research and Theory* 25:225–235, 2017). These investigators examined eight associations between funding sources, and different design/methodological characteristics of these studies: type of strategy, inclusion of comparison groups, measurement scales and repeated measures, publication source, number of inclusion criteria met, secondary sources of funding, publication year. The results failed to reveal statistically significant differences between the funding source and the index study characteristics. These results do not support claims that funding exerts a biased influence on the design or methodologies of RG studies. However, readers should note that the absence of statistically significant findings should not be used to assert the ultimate absence of a funding effect. There are many reasons for failing to find differences, or interpretation of findings. Unexpectedly, a third of the papers included in this study failed to disclose their funding sources. This finding highlights the need for more open and transparent disclosures.

Source(s): Peer reviewed journal articles included in: (Ladouceur et al. in Addict Res Theory 25:225–235, 2017).

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Related publication(s): Ladouceur, Robert & Shaffer, Paige & Blaszczynski, Alex & Shaffer, Howard. (2018). Responsible Gambling Research and Industry Funding Biases. Journal of Gambling Studies. 10.1007/s10899-018-9792-9.

Raw Dataset(s)

This data set includes the 29 studies included in the final wave of the meta-analysis (Ladouceur et al. in Addict Res Theory 25:225–235, 2017). All covariates used in analysis are included in the dataset.

Variables in Raw Dataset

Variable	Data Type	Description	N	Min	Max	Note
Study_id	numeric	Random id for each study included in final wave of meta-analysis	29	1	29	
Study_citation_label	string	Citation of study	29	n/a	n/a	
Rg_type	numeric	Responsible gambling strategy	29	1	6	1 = self-exclusion 2 = Behavioral characteristics 3 = Setting gambling limits 4 = Specific RG features

						5 = Staff responding to patron RG 6 = unspecified
Year_study	numeric	Year of publication	29	1999	2015	
Nbr_criteria_met	numeric	Number of criteria met from methodological scale from meta-analysis	29	1	3	1 = 1 criteria met 2 = 2 criteria met 3 = 3 criteria met
D_matched_control_comp	numeric	Whether the study had a matched comparison group, or control group	29	0	1	0 = no matched comparison or control group 1 = matched comparison or control group
D_repeated_measures	numeric	Whether the study had repeated measures	29	0	1	0 = no repeated measures 1 = Included repeated measures
D_measurement_scales	numeric	Whether the study used a validated screening or assessment tool	29	0	1	0 = no use of a validated screening tool, or diagnostic assessment 1 = use of a validated screening tool, or diagnostic assessment
Funding_source_id	numeric	Type of Funding	29	1	6	1 = Federal, State, or

		source of study				Local Government 2 = non-profit / or independent research center (e.g. NCRG) 3 = Industry 4 = Public Health agency (e.g. WHO) 5 = Missing 6 = n/a
Sec_funding_source_id	numeric	Type of secondary funding source of study	29	1	6	1 = Federal, State, or Local Government 2 = non-profit / or independent research center (e.g. NCRG) 3 = Industry 4 = Public Health agency (e.g. WHO) 5 = Missing 6 = n/a
Journal_id	numeric	Journal of publication	29	1	14	1 = Journal of Gambling Studies

						<p>2 = International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction</p> <p>3 = Psychology of Addictive Behaviors</p> <p>4 = International Gambling Studies</p> <p>5 = Frontiers in psychology</p> <p>6 = Psychology of Addictive Behaviors</p> <p>7 = British Journal of Psychology</p> <p>8 = Gambling Research</p> <p>9 = European journal of public health</p> <p>10 = Harm Reduction Journal</p> <p>11 = Journal of Gambling Studies</p> <p>12 = New media & society</p> <p>13 = Journal of gambling issues</p> <p>14 = Journal of human resources in hospitality & Tourism</p>
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