

[Letter to Editor, Anales de Psicología]

Editor of the journal Annals of Psychology:

We are enclosing the manuscript entitled "Effect of Treatment on Sex Offenders' Recidivism: A meta-analysis" which authors are Virginia Soldino and Enrique J. Carbonell-Vayá, from the University Institute for Criminology and Criminal Science Research of the University of Valencia (Spain).

Our study analyzes recent literature with the aim of measuring the effect of treatment on sex offenders. After an exhaustive literature search, seventeen studies were selected, with a total sample of 6,681 sex offenders. The results showed (1) the ability of psychological treatments for reducing the risk of sexual and general recidivism of sex offenders and (2) that there is more need to keep investigating given neither of these programs showed a decrease in the rates of violent recidivism, nor good methodological studies confirmed treatment effects.

Given the inconsistency stated in the specialized literature, we think that a meta-analysis of these characteristics is needed, considering both, the results obtained and the methodological quality of previous studies on this field. At the same time, sex offenders' treatment programs are constantly evolving, what has forced us to reduce our analysis to recent studies (2004-2014), as the opposite might introduce bias into the study.

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