Factor analyses of the Protective Behavioral Strategies for Marijuana Scale (PBSTM) revealed two reliable factors (Quantity and Context) that uniquely link to cannabis use indices.

**Factor Analysis of the Protective Behavioral Strategies for Marijuana Scale**

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**Introduction**
- Protective behavioral strategies can decrease the potential for negative outcomes associated with substance use.
- The Protective Behavioral Strategies for Marijuana Scale (PBSTM) is a 17-item measure capturing harm reduction strategies for cannabis use. (Pedersen, 2002)
- Current Study: Confirm and explore the factor structure of the 17-item PBSTM

**Methods**
- **Demographics**
  - N = 454
  - Male: 196 (43.8%)
  - Female: 258 (56.2%)
- **Cannabis Use**
  - M = 23 (SD = 27) days/week
- **PBSTM**
  - M = 58.3 (SD = 15)
- **Cannabis Problems (CAPQ)**
  - M = 9.74 (SD = 12.5)

**Conclusion**
- CFA indicated the one factor solution to have a poor fit; EFA produced a novel 2-factor solution (Quantity, Context).
- Context more strongly related to use and problems; only Context predicted fewer cannabis problems and use

**References**


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