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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

Dear authors, I have a few comments on your manuscript: - In the Introduction, you should mention whether there is any similar questionnaire related to PIU in drug addicts in the world, and what are the possible differences from the questionnaire created by yourselves? - **The specificity of our questionnaire is that it is very detailed in order to**



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assess different and individual features of both Internet Use and PIU, as now explained in the Discussion

The data at the beginning of Results are boring (gender, education, marital status etc.), you should rather put them into a table. – We prefer to maintain demographic data in the text rather in a table.

The data in the Results ("As shown in table 1...") are duplicate with Table 1, in my opinion, Table 1 itself would be sufficient. – We prefer to describe these results in the specific section and to maintain table 1, for their better visualization

At the end of Results, you write "had a BMI between 15 and 20 (normal weight, NW)". But BMI 15 is not normal! Pathology starts at BMI 17.5 (anorexia nervosa). – We agree with the referee and corrected the text what was a printing mistake

In Discussion, you repeat the results again "All subject were heavy smokers... were also suffering from gambling disorder..." It is not necessary to repeat the results in such a detail. – We are of the opinion that the Discussion should report and comment on results and, therefore, we prefer to maintain it as it is.

At the end of Discussion, you should suggest further avenues of the research in the field. - In my opinion, your questionnaire is too long (101 questions). It would be boring even for mentally healthy people. In your future research, you should try to make the questionnaire shorter. The reviewer may be right, however it should be noted that in current and previous studies of our group, the time to complete the questionnaire was never longer than 7-8 minutes. Moreover, the majority of the subjects (99%) responded that they were satisfied with the questionnaire.

Best regards The reviewer

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This is a survey study of Internet use/abuse from Italy that makes the case that people who suffer from substance abuse disorder are also the ones prone to Internet addiction and that this addiction has untoward effects on health. Since the endpoint was time spent online, I am not sure how the investigators were able to distinguish between



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Internet abusers and people who make a living by being constantly online. This point needs to be clarified. **There is a general agreement in the literature that the time spent of online may be considered a parameter strongly suggestive of PIU when excessive, useless and with other associated features.**

The English of this paper, while very good, is not perfect, which leads to obscurity in some parts of the paper. The paper needs to be edited by a native English speaker. **The paper was revised and edited carefully by a native English speaker.**

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