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Convergence Validity of the Affinity Measures of Sexual Interest

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Although the *Abel Assessment of Sexual Interest-2* (AASI-2) is the prominent measure of sexual interest via self-reports and visual reaction time (VRT), many sex offender evaluators have considered utilizing the *Affinity*, as this contemporary measure requires less financial resources and time allocation to administer. In an effort to assess the possible clinical utility of the *Affinity*, this study examines the convergent validity of the *Affinity*, as compared to the AASI-2.

Employing a community-based sample and an incarcerated sample of adult male sex offenders, participants will be randomly administered the *Affinity* and the AASI-2. Within each sample, canonical correlation analyses will be employed to assess the extent to which participants' objective (VRT) and self-report scores of sexual interest on each of these instruments correlate. Scores will also be examined to determine if they vary as a function of demographics (e.g. age, race, reason for evaluation). It is held that significant correlations evidenced within either sample indicate that the *Affinity* as having appropriate convergent validity to the AASI-2 and would therefore serve as a suitable option to evaluators wishing to assess sexual interest.