Stress in College: Academic vs. Social Stressors

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HYPOTHESES

- 1. Academic stress will have a stronger correlation with perceived stress than social stress.
- 2. Female students will report higher perceived stress than male students.



Participants & Measures • 81.4% Female (n = 59), 18.6% Male (n = 15) • Measures: • Perceived Stress Scale (PSS-10) - Academic & Social Stress items (5-point scale)

RESULTS

- Academic stress will have a stronger correlation with perceived stress than social stress.
 - A. Bivariate results: r (67) = 0.361, p = 0.003 (significant)
- 2. Female students will report higher perceived stress than male students.
 - A. Average stress level is 32.99 (SD = 3.98) which is moderate.
 - B. Average female student stress level is 32.09 (SD = 3.98) which is moderate.
 - C. Average male student stress level is 32.85 (SD = 4.14) which is moderate.
 - D. T-test results: t (68) = 0.894, p = 0.374 (not significant)

DISCUSSION

- Academic stress was more strongly correlated with perceived stress.
 - No significant gender differences found.
 - Findings align with existing research.
 - Implications: Universities should prioritize academic stress support.