

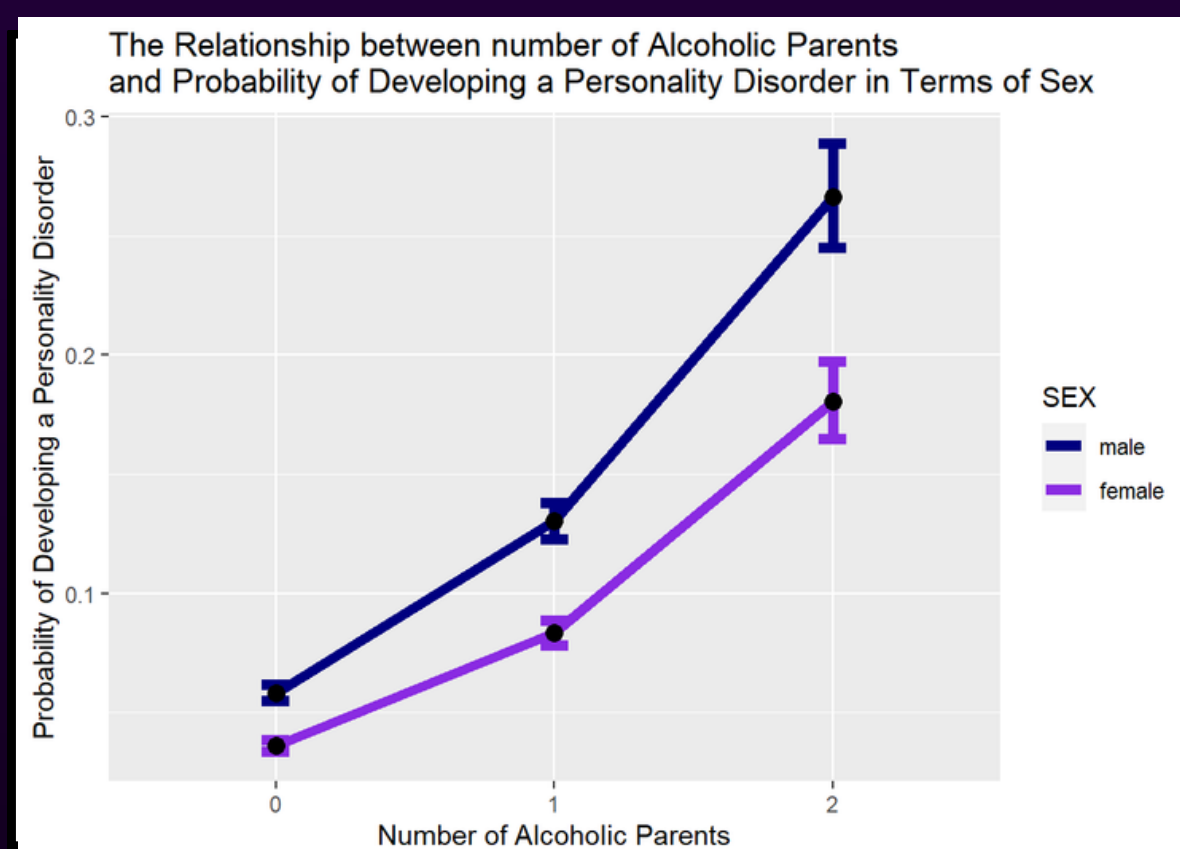
How the Presence of Alcoholic Parents in Childhood Affects the Odds of the Development of Personality Disorders

Introduction

- Personality disorders (PDs) are psychiatric disorders characterized by a sense of self and behavior that differs greatly from a person's culture
- Very poor parenting and adverse parent behavior is associated with a child developing a PD later in life
- Alcoholic parents often parent in an unstable way and make it difficult for their children to have social relationships
- There is little literature on the relationship between PD development and parental alcoholism

Results

- For each alcoholic parent, the odds of someone developing a personality disorder increase by a factor of 2.4 ($B=0.89$, $p<0.001$)
- For those with alcoholic parents, the odds of a male developing a personality disorder compared to a female increase by a factor of 1.7 ($B=0.50$, $p<0.001$)



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Methods

Sample:

- People with personality disorders from the first wave of the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions
- (NESARC) (n=43,093)
- Personality disorders examined were: anti-social personality disorder, dependent personality disorder, and schizoid personality disorder
- NESARC examined noninstitutionalized, adult civilians in America

Measures:

- Personality disorders were diagnosed using the DSM-IV
- Parental alcoholism was assessed through familial history

Discussion

- Supports my hypothesis that there is a connection between having alcoholic parents and developing a personality disorder
- Those with more alcoholic parents are more likely to later develop a personality disorder later in life
- These findings suggest that there should be more examination done on personality disorder risk factors like alcoholic parents
- Future research is needed to determine if this applies to all other listed personality disorders