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1 **Within- and Between-Person Predictors of Disordered Eating Attitudes among Male**
2 **and Female Dancers: Findings from the UK Centres for Advanced Training**

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25 Abstract

26 **Objectives:** This longitudinal study examined potential predictors of disordered eating
27 attitudes (DEA) for male and female dancers, with a particular focus on whether
28 environmental predictors (perceptions of task- and ego-involving motivational climate) added
29 significantly to the prediction made by intrapersonal predictor variables
30 (demographics/training, self-esteem, perfectionism).

31 **Methods and Design:** Young dancers ($N = 597$, 73.4% female, $M = 14.69$ years old, $SD =$
32 2.04) from UK Centres for Advanced Training completed questionnaires 1-5 times over a
33 two-year period, depending on how long they were enrolled at their centre. Multilevel
34 modelling was employed to examine both between- and within-person predictors of DEA.

35 **Results:** For females, lower self-esteem and higher perfectionistic concerns were significant
36 between-person predictors of DEA. Increased levels of perfectionistic strivings and
37 perfectionistic concerns were significant within-person predictors. For males, increased
38 perfectionistic concerns and perceptions of the motivational climate as more task- *and* ego-
39 involving were significant between-person predictors of DEA. No significant within-person
40 predictors emerged.

41 **Conclusions:** Findings contribute to the literature on DEA in aesthetic activities and the
42 debate concerning the (mal-)adaptiveness of perfectionistic strivings. They also raise
43 questions about how environmental aspects should best be conceptualized and measured in
44 studies of this type. In particular, however, results demonstrate that the predictors of DEA
45 among males and females may not be the same, and suggest that future interventions may
46 therefore need to be sex-specific.

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49 In the context of dance, the prevalence of disordered eating attitudes (DEA) has
50 received considerable research attention over the past few decades (for a review see Arcelus,
51 Witcomb, & Mitchell, 2014). Hobart and Smucker (2000) defined DEA as the presence of
52 unhealthy attitudes and behaviours that range from strict dietary habits, aimed at losing or
53 maintaining weight, to severe food restriction. On the basis of studies into prevalence,
54 numerous authors have concluded that dancers should be considered an at-risk group for
55 DEA (e.g., Arcelus et al., 2014; Ringham et al., 2006; Thomas, Keel, & Heatherton, 2005;
56 Tseng et al., 2007). However, relatively low rates of DEA have also been observed (de Bruin,
57 Bakker, & Oudejans, 2009; Toro, Guerrero, Sentis, Castro, & Puértolas, 2009). It is likely
58 that some of these inconsistencies can be explained by inadequate sample sizes, given that
59 some studies have included as few as 29 dancers (Ringham et al., 2006). Importantly,
60 examining rates of DEA can at best highlight potential problems, yet give little guidance as to
61 what might be suitable areas for intervention if those problems are to be prevented. Hence,
62 there is a need to move beyond questions of prevalence and toward a better understanding of
63 the *predictors* of DEA so that prevention, identification, and treatment can be optimised. In
64 the present study, we examined both intrapersonal (demographic/training and personality-
65 related) and environmental (dance motivational climate) variables as potential predictors of
66 DEA in dance contexts using a longitudinal design.

67 **Intrapersonal Predictors of Disordered Eating Attitudes: Demographic and Training**
68 **Variables**

69 Research into DEA in dance has predominantly focused on females and classical
70 ballet (see Arcelus et al., 2014). The focus on ballet may have been warranted because the
71 body ideal in this dance style is particularly strict and centered on slender, long-limbed pre-

72 pubescent physiques. Classical ballet subculture has therefore at times been seen as a unique
73 risk factor, as it might encourage dancers to strive for a body ideal so slim that it for some
74 dancers may only be achievable via unhealthy eating practices (see e.g., Neumärker et al.,
75 1998; Toro et al., 2009). Similarly, the focus on females is unsurprising: most dancers are
76 female and they have been identified as having a greater risk of DEA (e.g., Neumärker,
77 Bettel, Bettel, Dudeck, & Neumärker, 1998; Sundgot-Borgen & Torstveit, 2004). Such
78 findings are typically explained using arguments that females experience stronger pressures
79 relating to appearance and slimness (e.g., Neumärker et al., 1998). Lately, however, it has
80 been argued that such pressures on males have increased, emphasizing the enhanced cultural
81 importance of a fit, muscular body (e.g., Petrie, Greenleaf, Carter, & Reel, 2007). Petrie et al.
82 (2007) also found that risk factors commonly associated with DEA for females were not
83 significant for male athletes. Furthermore, DEA may be constructed, viewed and disclosed
84 differently for male and female athletes (Busanich, McGannon, & Schinke (2014). In a recent
85 study of young dancers training in mixed dance styles, equal proportions of males (7.6%) and
86 females (7.3%) scored above clinical cut-off on a measure of DEA (Nordin-Bates, Walker, &
87 Redding, 2011). Extending the findings of Petrie et al. (2007), correlates of DEA were not the
88 same for males and females, with fewer correlates identified for males. Overall, it seems
89 important to continue identifying potential determinants of DEA for male dancers, and for
90 dancers in styles other than ballet (see also Krentz & Warschburger, 2013).

91 In the study by Nordin-Bates, Walker et al. (2011), age was not predictive of DEA
92 within the 10-18 year old sample. This contrasts with research indicating that in non-dance
93 samples, the rate of DEA is positively related to age for girls (e.g., Gardner, Stark, Friedman
94 & Jackson, 2000; Jones, Bennett, Olmsted, Lawson, & Rodin, 2001). However, this may not
95 be the case for boys (Gardner et al., 2000). Discrepant findings like these suggest that studies
96 should continue to examine predictors such as age in an effort to build a more conclusive

97 picture of their role as potential determinants of DEA. It would stand to reason that age can
98 act as a positive predictor of DEA, given that older dancers may have been impacted by risk
99 factors, in life but likely also in dance, for longer. At the same time, one might speculate that
100 dancers can grow more realistic as they mature and settle into their post-pubertal bodies. For
101 instance, they may realize that few bodies are “ideal” but that skills and experience can trump
102 pre-pubescent looks, and thereby reduce their DEA symptoms. In sum, the potential role of
103 age in predicting DEA is unclear yet potentially highly relevant, and we consequently chose
104 to include it in our models.

105 Dance-specific training-related variables, including hours of training, dance
106 experience and style, may also play a role in the development of DEA among dancers, simply
107 because training intensely from a young age in a domain where being lighter and slimmer is
108 often perceived to confer performance advantages may increase the risk of DEA (e.g.,
109 Sundgot-Borgen & Torstveit, 2004). Such intense training, alongside a focus on weight and
110 shape, is typical of high-level dance, but perhaps less so in more modern styles as compared
111 to classical ballet (e.g., Benn & Walters, 2001; Nordin-Bates, Walker et al., 2011; Tseng et
112 al., 2007; van Staden, Myburgh, & Poggenpoel, 2009). However, these potential predictors of
113 DEA have rarely been examined systematically. Hence, we also considered dance style,
114 years of experience and training hours as potential predictors of DEA.

115 **Intrapersonal Predictors of Disordered Eating Attitudes: Personality Variables**

116 Other than demographic or training-related variables, key intrapersonal variables
117 often related to DEA include the personality constructs perfectionism and self-esteem.
118 Several studies in dance and sport have confirmed that there is a negative relationship
119 between self-esteem and DEA (Berry & Howe, 2000; Engel et al., 2003; Petrie, Greenleaf,
120 Reel, & Carter, 2009), and interventions focused on enhancing performers’ self-esteem
121 appear to help prevent DEA development for females (e.g., Martinsen et al., 2014; Piran,

122 1999). Yet although self-esteem and perfectionism are understood to be related constructs
123 (e.g., Hall, Hill, & Appleton, 2012), research findings conflict as to their relative predictive
124 power as regards DEA. For example, self-esteem predicted DEA in a study with athletes but
125 perfectionism did not (Petrie et al., 2009), but the opposite was found in a study with dancers
126 (Nordin-Bates, Walker et al., 2011). In the present study, we aimed to extend such cross-
127 sectional findings to a larger sample using a longitudinal design. This is important for the
128 design of future preventive efforts so that they may focus on the variable(s) that are most
129 central to DEA development. As the effectiveness of such interventions depends on reliable
130 evidence, traditional cross-sectional studies may be insufficient given that they often focus
131 exclusively on between-person differences. By also examining within-person differences, a
132 better understanding of associations between variables may be gained. That is, we can
133 understand whether variation in an independent variable (e.g., perfectionism, self-esteem) is
134 associated with variation in a dependent variable (e.g., DEA) *for each individual*.

135 In the wider literature perfectionism is considered to predict both the development and
136 maintenance of DEA (e.g., Fairburn, Cooper, & Shafran, 2003; Forsberg & Lock, 2006), and
137 has also been one of the most studied risk factors for DEA in the dance literature (e.g., de
138 Bruin et al., 2009; Nordin-Bates, Walker et al., 2011; Penniment & Egan, 2011; Thomas et
139 al., 2005). Despite this research attention, however, studies have often relied on
140 unidimensional measures of what is now firmly established to be a multidimensional
141 construct (Hall et al., 2012). Although authors have used different terms for the dimensions
142 of perfectionism, there is growing consensus that *perfectionistic strivings* may be used as an
143 umbrella term for highly purposeful striving toward particularly challenging personal goals
144 (such as excellence or perfection), whereas *perfectionistic concerns* comprise cognitions such
145 as doubts, concerns, and rumination as well as a very critical attitude regarding mistakes
146 (Gotwals, Stoeber, Dunn, & Stoll, 2012; Hall et al., 2012; Hill et al., 2004; Stoeber, 2012).

147 Studies commonly find that perfectionistic concerns predict maladaptive outcomes (e.g.,
148 burnout, anxiety), but the consequences of perfectionistic strivings are less clear. For
149 instance, some studies have found that perfectionistic strivings predict adaptive outcomes
150 such as good performance and well-being (Stoeber, 2012). Other research suggests
151 perfectionistic strivings to predict maladaptive outcomes, or to be unassociated with either
152 adaptive or maladaptive constructs (Gotwals et al., 2012; Hall et al., 2012).

153 Studies into perfectionism and DEA reflect the typical findings, with all of the most
154 recent studies having found that constructs akin to perfectionistic concerns predict DEA
155 (Goodwin, Arcelus, Geach, & Meyer, 2014; Nordin-Bates, Walker, et al., 2011; Shanmugam
156 & Davies, 2015). However, the perfectionistic strivings-DEA relationship remains unclear.
157 No studies to date have examined the role of both perfectionistic strivings and concerns as
158 predictors of DEA in a longitudinal design. It is important to do so, because each construct
159 has the potential to impact on a dancer's eating attitudes. First, perfectionistic concerns
160 involve worrying excessively and being highly self-critical. For a dancer, therefore, having
161 high levels of perfectionistic concerns may involve thoughts such as "I worry that if I do not
162 reduce my calorie intake, I will never be good enough to reach my performance goals", and
163 lead to dietary restraint or purging (see e.g., Brannan, Petrie, Greenleaf, Reel, & Carter,
164 2009). It is also possible that conflating thinness and success ("thin is going to win"; e.g.,
165 Krentz & Warschburger, 2013) may contribute to DEA for a dancer for whom success is very
166 important – that is, a dancer high in perfectionistic strivings.

167 As regards self-esteem, this could be expected to predict DEA negatively, as it likely
168 exerts a protective effect. For instance, a dancer would be less likely to act on pressures to be
169 thin if s/he does not feel that her entire self is defined by thinness or dance success (e.g.,
170 Brannan et al., 2009; Shanmugam, Jowett, & Meyer, 2013). Still, it can be noted that the
171 relationship between self-esteem and DEA-related variables in the literature outside of sport

172 and dance is not entirely clear, and appears to differ between males and females (e.g.,
173 Furnham, Badmin, & Sneade, 2002). In the present study, we address a gap in the literature
174 regarding potential sex differences in the predictive power of self-esteem and perfectionism
175 via an investigation with young people in dance, a domain where perfectionistic tendencies
176 are relatively commonplace (e.g., Nordin-Bates, Cumming, Aways, & Sharp, 2011).

177 **Environmental Predictors of Disordered Eating Attitudes: the Dance Milieu**

178 Many have argued that the dance environment is implicated in DEA development by
179 being highly stressful, competitive and/or pressured (e.g., Benn & Walters, 2001; Thomas et
180 al., 2005; Toro et al., 2009; van Staden et al., 2009). Later studies concluded that it is the
181 learning experiences within the environment that matter (e.g., learning that thinness is
182 important; Annus & Smith, 2009; Penniment & Egan, 2011; Toro et al., 2009). These studies,
183 however, are difficult to compare due to the use of study-specific measures and varying
184 conceptualizations of the dance environment. A theoretically grounded approach to explore
185 the role of the learning environment is to adopt the lens of achievement goal theory (AGT;
186 Ames, 1992). AGT concerns the extent to which dancers perceive their training context to be
187 task- and/or ego-involving. A task-involving climate exists when individual improvement is
188 highly valued, leading to an emphasis on self-referenced learning, collaborative learning, and
189 equal valuing of all students. An ego-involving climate is said to be in evidence when
190 objective success is valued most highly; in such a climate, teachers often give
191 disproportionate recognition to talented students, encourage rivalries, and are more likely to
192 punish mistakes (Ames, 1992; Newton, Duda, & Yin, 2000). The power of motivational
193 climate perceptions to explain variability in a broad range of indices of well- and ill-being
194 and healthful functioning has been supported in dance studies, just as in sport. Broadly
195 speaking, perceptions of a task-involving climate have been associated with adaptive
196 characteristics and well-being indicators (e.g., satisfaction of basic psychological needs and

197 positive affect; Quested & Duda, 2009; 2010) whereas perceptions of an ego-involving
198 climate have yielded more maladaptive correlates such as anxiety and aspects of
199 perfectionistic concerns (e.g., Carr & Wyon, 2003; Nordin-Bates, Quested, Walker, &
200 Redding, 2012).

201 Findings such as those highlighted above make conceptual sense, because outcomes
202 such as anxiety and concern over mistakes may well develop when competition is
203 emphasised and mistakes punished (i.e., the climate is ego-involving). Dancers may also do
204 whatever it takes to get ahead of their peers when rivalry and results are in focus. De Bruin,
205 Bakker, and Oudejans (2009) used the term “competitive thinness” to describe what may
206 result when such climates are perceived in aesthetic activities. In their study of female
207 dancers and gymnasts, these authors found that having a stronger ego-orientation, and lower
208 perceptions of a task-involving climate, were predictive of dieting frequency. Additional
209 positive correlates of ego-involving motivational climate perceptions were use of pathogenic
210 weight control methods (e.g., vomiting), weight-related pressure from peers and coaches, and
211 perfectionism. Self-esteem was negatively correlated with ego-involving motivational climate
212 perceptions. By contrast, perceptions of task-involving motivational climates were positively
213 correlated with self-esteem and negatively correlated with weight-related pressure from peers
214 and coaches. On the basis of these results, de Bruin et al. (2009) concluded that task-
215 involving climates could be considered to exert a protective effect on DEA development. In
216 the present study, we extend their cross-sectional findings by studying these relationships
217 with both males and females, over a period of two years, and in a larger sample of
218 performers, to see whether motivational climate perceptions have predictive utility beyond
219 that of the more well-researched intrapersonal DEA risk factors (i.e., demographics/training,
220 self-esteem, and perfectionism). Another reason for this analytical choice was to add clarity
221 regarding DEA risk factors: that is, if only intrapersonal variables were predictive then

222 interventions should presumably focus on individuals, while if environmental variables
223 predict DEA, such interventions could perhaps instead be aimed at dance teachers.

224 By using a longitudinal design, it was also possible to address whether changes in
225 predictor variables over time (i.e., changes in perfectionism and/or motivational climate
226 perceptions) would be associated with changes in DEA *within* an individual. To achieve our
227 aim, we studied dancers as part of a larger, multi-disciplinary talent development research
228 project with UK government-funded centres known as Centres for Advanced Training
229 (CATs; Aujla, Nordin-Bates, Redding & Jobbins, 2014). The CATs aim to provide high-
230 quality part-time dance training across England for young people with talent or “exceptional
231 potential”. Importantly, the sample included dancers aged 10-18 years, spanning the critical
232 developmental period for DEA development (e.g., Gardner et al., 2000; Jones et al., 2001).
233 We are aware of only a small number of studies in sport (e.g., Krentz & Warschburger,
234 2013), and none in dance, that have tracked young people and their scores on DEA as well as
235 key potential predictor variables over time.

236 Potential predictors of DEA were selected based on previous research and AGT
237 (Ames, 1992), with the aim of examining the relative predictive power of a range of relevant
238 variables. More specifically, our aim was to examine whether intrapersonal factors (i.e.,
239 demographics and training variables including age, training hours, dance experience and
240 style; and personality constructs perfectionism and self-esteem) were predictive of DEA, and
241 whether environmental factors (i.e., perceptions of motivational climate) added significantly
242 to this prediction. As well as between-person differences, we were interested in investigating
243 whether varying levels of these predictors within an individual co-varied significantly with
244 changes in DEA, and whether predictors differed for males and females. It was hypothesized
245 that DEA would be positively predicted by (1) indicators of intense dance involvement such
246 as hours of training, and/or years of dance experience; (2) perfectionistic concerns; (3)

247 perceptions of an ego-involving motivational climate. We further hypothesized that DEA
248 would be negatively predicted by (4) self-esteem, and (5) perceptions of a task-involving
249 motivational climate. No specific hypotheses were formulated in relation to perfectionistic
250 strivings, given the inconsistency of the research literature in this area. Generally, our
251 hypotheses were created from the best available evidence. Yet, this evidence base is built
252 mostly from studies with females. Thus, it was also hypothesized that (6) the significant
253 predictors of DEA would differ for males and females. We made no more specific hypotheses
254 regarding age or sex differences, however, given the limited and at times inconsistent
255 previous research available to do so.

256 **Methods**

257 **Participants**

258 A total of 752 dancers completed identical packs of questionnaires at one or more
259 time points; however, the analyses used required complete data in order for a particular time
260 point to “count”, reducing the effective sample size to 597 (see Table 1). All students
261 enrolled at one of the eight participating CATs were invited to take part at each time point,
262 however students entered and left the scheme throughout the research period. For more
263 information on sample size, see Tables 1 and 2. Overall, females comprised 73.43% of the
264 sample, and dancers ranged between 10 and 18 years of age. At the start of the project, the
265 average age was 14.69 years ($SD = 2.04$) and the dancers had typically attended a CAT for a
266 little over one year, although the standard deviation was large ($M = 15.40$ months, $SD =$
267 15.52). The dancers had taken part in some form of dance for an average of 8.86 years ($SD =$
268 3.73).

269 The eight CATs are located in UK cities and provide extra-curricular, high-level
270 dance training for young people. One CAT focuses on ballet and five focus on contemporary
271 dance; one offers training in either contemporary or South Asian styles, and one offers urban

272 and contemporary strands. However, all students take classes in more than one style. At time
273 1, self-report data indicated that dancers participated in weekly CAT training for an average
274 of 8.81 hours ($SD = 3.72$), training in other dance schools for 5.49 hours ($SD = 5.89$), and
275 undertook non-dance physical activity for 3.45 hours ($SD = 3.28$).

276 **Measures**

277 **Demographics and Training Data.** Participants were asked to note their sex, age,
278 dance experience (months in CAT and years in dance) and training habits for various styles
279 of dance and non-dance physical activities (hours per week in CAT, non-CAT dance schools,
280 sport, exercise and other physical activities). Their primary dance style was inferred by their
281 belonging to a CAT specializing in a particular style (contemporary, classical ballet, South
282 Asian dance, or urban styles).

283 **Disordered eating attitudes.** To capture attitudes and behaviors related to disordered
284 eating, we employed the Eating Attitudes Test (EAT-26; Garner, Olmsted, Bohr, &
285 Garfinkel, 1982). The scale comprises 26 items falling into three subscales (Dieting, Bulimia
286 and Food Preoccupation, and Oral Control), scored on a scale ranging from 0 (*never, rarely,*
287 *or sometimes*) to 3 (*always*) where interim anchors are 1 (*often*) and 2 (*very often*). A score \geq
288 20 is used as a clinical cut-off, beyond which dancers were referred for further investigation
289 of suspected disordered eating (Garner et al., 1982). Validity and reliability information has
290 been published for the EAT-26 (Garner et al., 1982). In the present study, not all items were
291 internally consistent within their subscales. Only the Dieting subscale consistently yielded a
292 good score ($\alpha = .82 - .86$). To improve reliability, it was necessary to remove items 9 and 26
293 from the Bulimia and Food Preoccupation subscale, and items 2 and 19 from the Oral Control
294 subscale, leaving four and five items, respectively. Following these changes, scores were
295 more acceptable ($\alpha = .60 - .73$ depending on time point). The percentage of dancers scoring
296 above clinical cut-off was computed using all items; thereafter internally consistent subscales

297 were calculated and used to compute a total score for use in analyses. Use of only the main
298 scale for analyses has a precedent in performance research, because the original factor
299 structure of the EAT-26 has not consistently been replicated in such settings yet the measure
300 remains one of the most frequently employed (Doninger, Enders, & Burnett, 2005; Krentz &
301 Warschburger, 2011; Lane, Lane, & Matheson, 2004).

302 **Perfectionism.** To capture perfectionism, the Perfectionism Inventory (PI; Hill et al.,
303 2004) was used. However, the scale was slightly amended for use in a dance context (see
304 Nordin-Bates, Walker, et al., 2011). This dance-specific PI comprises 51 items and seven
305 subscales, that were used as proxies for perfectionistic strivings (Striving for Excellence,
306 Planfulness, High Standards for Others) and perfectionistic concerns (Concern over Mistakes,
307 Need for Approval, Teacher Pressure, and Rumination), given that these are the dimensions
308 of perfectionism currently most agreed upon as useful units of analysis (e.g., Gotwals et al.,
309 2012; Stoeber, 2012). Items are rated on a Likert scale ranging from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to
310 5 (*strongly agree*). The authors of the PI (Hill et al., 2004) published validity and reliability
311 information for the scale. Although psychometric testing has not yet been performed for the
312 dance-specific version of the PI, it is worth noting that Cronbach's alpha statistics are, at all
313 time points, similarly high in the present study ($\alpha = .75 - .89$) as they were in a previous study
314 using the adapted scale (Nordin-Bates, Walker, et al., 2011).

315 **Self-Esteem.** To capture dancers' attitudes toward themselves, the Rosenberg self-
316 esteem scale (RSES; Rosenberg, 1965) was used. The RSES comprises 10 items scored on a
317 Likert scale ranging from 1 (*strongly disagree*) to 4 (*strongly agree*). Half of the items are
318 reverse-coded. Blascovich and Tomaka (1991) published support for the validity and
319 reliability of the RSES and in the present study, internal reliability was very good ($\alpha = .82 -$
320 $.87$ depending on time point).

321 **Motivational Climate.** To capture motivational climate perceptions, the Perceived
322 Motivational Climate in Sport Questionnaire – 2 (PMCSQ-2; Newton et al., 2000) was used.
323 As for the PI, we used a version of the questionnaire that has been slightly modified for the
324 dance context (see Quested & Duda, 2009, 2010). This 24-item version comprises five
325 subscales capturing perceptions of a task-involving climate (i.e., a focus on Effort and
326 Improvement, Cooperative Learning, and everybody having an Important Role in the group)
327 and an ego-involving climate (i.e., there being Unequal Recognition based on ability, and
328 Punishment for Mistakes). Items are scored on a Likert scale ranging from 1 (*strongly*
329 *disagree*) to 5 (*strongly agree*). The authors of the PMCSQ-2 (Newton et al., 2000) published
330 validity and reliability information for the scale, and the dance-specific version has been
331 found adequate (Nordin-Bates et al., 2012; Quested & Duda, 2009; 2010). In the current
332 study, internal reliability scores were generally good ($\alpha = .71 - .93$) but the Cronbach's alpha
333 for the subscale Punishment for Mistakes was improved by deletion of the item "*Dancers are*
334 *afraid to make mistakes*" ($\alpha = .71 - .81$ instead of $.64 - .74$).

335 **Procedures**

336 As part of a larger project, the present study acquired approval from a University
337 ethical review board. Study information was provided and informed consent obtained from
338 all dancers and from parents for participants under 16. Questionnaires were completed in
339 group sessions led by at least one researcher, with a request that teachers should not be
340 present. Questions were encouraged and anonymity clarified: specifically, dancers were
341 assigned individual ID codes to enable matching of data over time, precluding the need for
342 names on the questionnaires. The first data collection took place in winter 2008-2009 and the
343 fifth in winter 2010-2011, with intermediate data collections being scheduled as close to
344 every six months as possible.

345 **Data Analysis**

346 Data were first screened for inputting errors and normality. Not all variables were
347 normally distributed; in particular, scores on the EAT-26 exhibited negative skew (1.98 -
348 2.91). However, this pattern is expected when a questionnaire for which normal, healthy
349 responses yield a score of zero is used in a non-clinical population. Although most studies
350 using the EAT-26 appear to use the “raw” data, we opted to log-10 transform scores, which
351 improved the distribution (.14 - .33). Importantly, this was only an added precaution because
352 multilevel modelling does not require variables to be univariate or multivariate normal;
353 instead, it is the normal distribution of the residuals that is of importance (Rabe-Hesketh &
354 Skrondal, 2008). This distribution was therefore inspected for the final models, post-analyses.

355 A combination of statistical methods was used to analyse the data. First, descriptive
356 statistics were calculated using SPSS to gain an overview of the variables, including the
357 levels (low/high) of various constructs (see Table 1). Our main study aim, to investigate
358 whether a range of intrapersonal variables were predictive of DEA, and whether
359 environmental variables contributed significantly to this prediction, was examined via
360 multilevel modelling (MLM; Multilevel mixed-effects linear regression) using the procedure
361 mixed in STATA 13.1 with a random intercept for individual. Approximately half of the total
362 sample participated at more than one time point, but only a small proportion contributed
363 complete data at all five time points over the two years. On average, both males and females
364 contributed data at 1.8 time points; see Table 2 for details of the number of participants
365 contributing complete data 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 times.

366 Usefully, MLM can accommodate unbalanced datasets; that is, the method does not
367 presume that all participants contribute to each time point in a longitudinal design, but rather
368 makes use of all available data at each time point to form estimates (Rabe-Hesketh &
369 Skrondal, 2008). Note, however, that participants whose data was incomplete at a specific
370 time point were excluded from analyses of that time point. In order to investigate whether

371 between- as well as within- person changes in a predictor variable were associated with
372 changes in DEA, we applied a procedure to separate between- and within- participant effects
373 (Hoffman & Stawski, 2009; van de Pol & Wright, 2009). Each predictor was therefore
374 person-mean centred resulting in (i) a time-invariant covariate that contains the person-
375 specific mean and (ii) a time-varying predictor, that is calculated by subtracting the person
376 mean from the original covariate. The time-constant person mean is used to capture whether
377 individuals with scores on a predictor that are, on average, higher would also report different
378 DEA scores compared to the wider sample (between-person effect). The time-varying
379 predictor is used to address whether change in a predictor is associated with changed DEA
380 scores, for each individual (within-person effect).

381 Separate models were run for females and males. In the first set of models,
382 relationships between DEA and self-esteem, perfectionism, training hours (both between- and
383 within-participant effects) were evaluated by entering them as predictors (fixed effects). In
384 reality, individuals were nested within CATs. Due to the limited number (N = 8) of CATs,
385 however, dummy variables were included in the fixed part of the model instead of using
386 nested models. Using a CAT focusing on ballet as reference was a way of modelling any
387 differences between CATs due to dance style, because most other CATs focus on
388 contemporary dance (i.e., all non-ballet groups were compared to the ballet reference group).
389 All analyses were adjusted for age at wave1, time, and dance experience. Dance experience
390 was addressed using dummy variables for months in the CAT (< 1 year as reference; < 2
391 years; > 2 years) and years in any form of dance (< 6 years as reference; < 11 years; > 11
392 years). Categorization was preferred to using years of experience as continuous variables,
393 because data were non-normally distributed. An autoregressive residual structure was chosen
394 to account for the longitudinal setup.

419 < .01) or higher perfectionistic concerns ($z = 3.04, p < .01$) at one time point compared to
420 their person-mean, they also display higher DEA scores at that time.

421 Contrastingly, for males, the likelihood-ratio test indicated that model 2 significantly
422 improved model fit compared to model 1 (Likelihood ratio test: $\chi^2(4) = 16.64, p < 0.01$;
423 AIC for model 1 = 208.37; for model 2 = 199.73). Thus, the results of model 2, fitted with
424 restricted maximum likelihood, are presented. As shown in Table 4, these results indicated
425 only one similarity to the females: that higher levels of DEA are reported by dancers who
426 also exhibit greater perfectionistic concerns ($z = 2.68, p < .01$). Male dancers who perceived
427 their motivational climate to be more task-involving ($z = 2.42, p < .05$) or more ego-involving
428 ($z = 3.18, p < .01$) than their peers also reported higher DEA scores. Finally, two dummy
429 variables reached significance ($z = -3.67$ and -3.43 , both $p < .01$). These dummies both
430 represented CATs focused on contemporary dance training; thus, male students in these
431 centres reported significantly lower DEA than males in the reference CAT, that was focused
432 on classical ballet. No significant within-person predictors emerged for males.

433 Discussion

434 The aim of the current study was to examine intra- and environmental predictors of
435 disordered eating attitudes (DEA) in a sample of young dancers, using data spanning five
436 time points over two years. Both within- and between-person effects were examined. It
437 emerged that the predictors differed for males and females, with only perfectionistic concerns
438 being a common predictor of DEA for dancers of both sexes. For females, a model including
439 only intrapersonal predictor variables provided a better fit to the data than a model that also
440 included environmental aspects (motivational climate perceptions). Also, none of the
441 demographic or training-related variables emerged as predictive. In contrast, a model
442 including both intrapersonal (training- and personality-related) and environmental aspects

443 (motivational climate perceptions) provided the best fit to the data for males. Findings
444 relevant to the specific predictor variables examined will now be discussed in turn.

445 We examined a range of demographic and training-related variables including age,
446 dance experience and style, and training hours as potential predictors of DEA. Of all these
447 variables, only dance style was predictive, and only for some males. Specifically, males in
448 classical ballet training reported significantly higher DEA scores than males in two of the
449 centres with contemporary dance training. Thus, our hypothesis relating to dance style was
450 marginally supported. Sex was also a notable differentiating factor, with the separate models
451 clearly demonstrating that predictors of DEA may differ for young males and females. This
452 was as hypothesized, and extends our earlier cross-sectional work with an overlapping
453 sample (Nordin-Bates, Walker, et al., 2011). It also highlights the importance of further
454 research into DEA development among males, which is considerably behind that of females.
455 For instance, it would be interesting to examine further the potential importance of dance
456 style. It has previously been argued that classical ballet subculture in itself represents a risk
457 factor for DEA (Neumärker et al., 1998; Toro et al., 2009); however, in those studies females
458 were in focus. In doing so, it would also be important to specify clearly what it is about
459 classical ballet which conveys risk.

460 Beyond sex and dance style, even the non-significant findings regarding demographic
461 and training-related variables may be worthy of discussion. For instance, the dance and
462 physical activity habits of these young people did not appear to constitute risk factors for
463 DEA, as we initially hypothesized. That is, dancers in a range of styles, including females in
464 classical dance who had over 10 years of dance experience and reported intense involvement
465 in both dance and other forms of physical activity, were no more likely to report symptoms of
466 DEA than dancers in modern, urban and South Asian styles who reported only a few months
467 or years of dance experience and who participated only a few hours weekly. As such, it

468 appears that intense involvement in dance is not necessarily a causal risk factor for DEA, and
469 we agree with authors such as Annus and Smith (2009) and Anderson, Petrie, and Neumann
470 (2012) that it is the perceived body and appearance related pressures in an environment –
471 rather than just participation – which is likely to be important.

472 Specifically regarding age, we found that within the 10-18 age range studied, younger
473 and older dancers appeared equally likely to exhibit DEA. Previous literature is inconsistent
474 as regards age; for instance, Jones et al. (2001) found age to predict DEA in a sample of
475 females aged 12-18, and Gardner et al. (2000) found that age predicted DEA for girls, but not
476 boys, in a sample aged 6-14. In light of such inconsistencies, consideration of the role of age
477 should be a focus in future studies of DEA. In particular, age may be confounded with other
478 potential DEA predictors such as pubertal development, and it may be hypothesized that for
479 girls, pubertal developments are perceived as less desirable for a dance career (e.g.,
480 development of breasts and rounding of hips) than they are for boys (who typically develop
481 greater muscularity). A second consideration is that age might be related to DEA in a non-
482 linear fashion, and thus require other analysis methods than those used here; for instance, age
483 might positively predict DEA up to a point (e.g., around puberty), after which it predicts
484 DEA negatively (e.g., as a consequence of maturing). It may also be that the age range
485 studied here was too narrow, and that a wider band around each side of puberty would reveal
486 different effects. Whatever the case, the current results suggest that dance educators should
487 be mindful of signs of DEA among dancers as young as 10, even if they are rare.

488 Both self-esteem and perfectionism emerged as additional intrapersonal DEA
489 predictors, yet in differing ways; as such, the findings both aligned with and contradicted our
490 stated hypotheses. Specifically for females, perfectionistic concerns acted as both a between-
491 and within-person predictor, whereas self-esteem was a between-person predictor and
492 perfectionistic strivings a within-person predictor. For males, only perfectionistic concerns

493 emerged as significant among the personality-related predictors, and did so only at the
494 between-person level. These findings extend previous literature where the relative predictive
495 powers of self-esteem and perfectionism have been unclear (Nordin-Bates, Walker, et al.,
496 2011; Petrie et al., 2009), and suggest that both may be considered concurrent risk factors, or
497 warning signs, of DEA for females. Findings also cast some doubt on whether even the
498 successful interventions published in this area, which typically focus on enhancing self-
499 esteem (e.g., Martinsen et al., 2014; Piran, 1999), are likely to be equally effective for males,
500 given that self-esteem was not a significant predictor of DEA for them. Non-sport literature
501 similarly suggests that the role of self-esteem in DEA is complex and varies by sex (e.g.,
502 Furnham et al., 2002); clearly, further research into this intriguing issue is warranted.

503 Our findings also suggest that interventions targeting DEA may benefit from
504 inclusion of material (e.g., information, exercises, or other therapeutic content) concerning
505 perfectionism. In particular, such material should consider the differences between
506 perfectionistic strivings and concerns, and the extent to which it is possible to strive for
507 perfection without worrying unduly when it is not reached. Indeed, such a programme may be
508 more universally appropriate, given that perfectionistic concerns was the only DEA predictor
509 that was common to both sexes. To date, we are not aware of any such programs in dance or
510 sport. In a school setting, however, an eight-lesson intervention targeting perfectionism has
511 been found to reduce eating disorder risk, especially for high-risk participants (Wilksch,
512 Durbridge, & Wade, 2008).

513 The findings relating to perfectionism also add to the growing literature indicating
514 that perfectionistic concerns are typically associated with maladaptive outcomes, and to the
515 more inconsistent literature regarding perfectionistic strivings (Gotwals et al., 2012; Hall et
516 al., 2012; Stoeber, 2012). Even though it has been found that perfectionistic strivings are
517 variously associated with adaptive, maladaptive, and null findings, this evidence is primarily

518 based on between-person comparisons from cross-sectional studies. By analyzing both
519 between- and within-person effects, it emerged that for female dancers, having higher
520 perfectionistic strivings than others was not associated with DEA, yet dancers reported more
521 DEA during periods when they reported an increased striving for perfection, in comparison to
522 themselves. Though using a different analytical approach, this finding is similar to that of
523 Krentz and Warschburger (2013), who found that the desire to be leaner to improve sports
524 performance was predictive of disordered eating one year later.

525 It is noteworthy that increases in *both* perfectionistic strivings and concerns were
526 within-person predictors of changes in DEA among females. This finding contrasts with
527 suggestions that perfectionistic strivings may only be maladaptive when accompanied by
528 concerns (Stoeber, 2012). Instead, our results are more aligned with the view that even
529 “positive” forms of perfectionism may ultimately be founded on an unhealthy and pressured
530 form of motivation (e.g., Hall et al., 2012). The results are also in line with research
531 suggesting that athletes may develop DEA as part of a striving for performance enhancement,
532 following maladaptive cognitions and beliefs such as “thin is going to win” (Krentz &
533 Warschburger, 2013). Worth considering here are also findings from Boone, Soenens,
534 Vansteenkiste and Braet (2012), who experimentally induced participants to higher personal
535 standards (akin to perfectionistic strivings), a combination of personal standards and
536 evaluative concerns (akin to perfectionistic concerns), or non-perfectionism. It was found that
537 for both perfectionism groups, DEA symptoms (restraint and bingeing) were elevated during
538 a 24-hour period after the induction procedure. The authors concluded that perfectionism is a
539 causal risk factor for DEA.

540 Findings suggest that identifying *why* and *how* performers increase their
541 perfectionistic tendencies is of paramount importance. In the present study, there were far
542 greater between- than within-person differences, supporting general psychology literature that

543 perfectionism is a largely stable personality construct (e.g., Rice & Aldea, 2006). However,
544 recent research indicates that perceptions of the motivational climate as task-involving may
545 heighten dancers' perfectionistic strivings over a six-month time period (Nordin-Bates, Hill,
546 Cumming, Aujla, & Redding, 2014). Future research might consider whether particularly
547 stressful times, such as performance seasons or assessment periods, are associated with
548 increased perfectionism for dance and sport performers, and the potential impact on outcomes
549 such as DEA. In education, Sassaroli and Ruggiero (2005) have demonstrated that stress can
550 indeed bring out an association between predisposing factors such as perfectionism and
551 disordered eating symptoms.

552 Many have suggested that the behaviours of teachers or other aspects of the dance
553 environment are implicated in DEA development (Ackard et al., 2004; Annus & Smith, 2009;
554 Benn & Walters, 2001; de Bruin et al., 2009; Penniment & Egan, 2011; Thomas et al., 2005;
555 Toro et al., 2009; van Staden et al., 2009). However, none of these studies had confirmed the
556 existence of such a relationship using a theory-driven, longitudinal design. We opted to use a
557 conceptualization of environmental influence based in AGT (Ames, 1992), and captured
558 dancers' perceptions of the prevailing motivational climate. Contrary to suggestions based in
559 correlational work (de Bruin et al., 2009) and to our hypothesizing, it was found that no
560 additional predictive power was afforded by including these variables in our analytical model
561 for females. Similarly, Krentz and Warschburger (2013) found that social pressure did not
562 reach significance as a predictor of disordered eating in their longitudinal study with aesthetic
563 athletes; however, sample size did not allow distinction between males and females in their
564 analyses.

565 In our analyses environmental variables, in the form of motivational climate
566 perceptions, did significantly predict DEA for males. First, we noted that male dancers who
567 perceived their learning environment to be more ego-involving also reported greater DEA

568 which is in line with previous theorizing and research using AGT (e.g., de Bruin et al., 2009),
569 and confirmed our hypothesis. Indeed, it stands to reason that if mistakes are punished or
570 teachers treat students unequally, dancers may resort to extreme measures to get seen and get
571 ahead. Previous studies have also shown males to be lower in task orientation (e.g., Duda,
572 Olson, & Templin, 1991), and to perceive their environment as more ego-involving than
573 females (e.g., Miller, Roberts, & Ommundsen, 2004). This may suggest that ego-involving
574 cues in the dance environment are more salient for males, and hence, their attitudes towards
575 DE may be more readily influenced, if DE is perceived as a potential method to outperform
576 others. Females on the other hand, may be somewhat buffered from the impact of ego-
577 involving motivational climate cues upon DEAs on account of a typically stronger task
578 orientation. This interpretation is speculative, however, and worthy of future research
579 attention.

580 Quite contrary to the theoretically aligned findings for ego-involving climates, and
581 therefore also disconfirming our hypothesis, was the discovery that male dancers who
582 perceived their learning environment to be more task-involving also reported greater DEA.
583 As such, this finding requires some discussion. One potential explanation relates to the
584 conceptualization and measurement of motivational climates. Specifically, we note that
585 within the PMCSQ-2 (Newton et al., 2000), aspects of task-involving climates are captured
586 via items such as “dancers feel successful when they improve” and “dancers are encouraged
587 to work on their weaknesses”. Although they appear mostly benign (and very common), it
588 might be that an excessive focus on progress and/or weakness is troublesome – especially for
589 perfectionists who have low tolerance for others pointing out what they cannot do. Thus,
590 though surely not the purpose of the PMCSQ-2, it remains possible that teachers who
591 publically point out students’ mistakes and flaws become rated as highly task-involving even
592 if their behaviours are felt to be pressurising.

593 Carr and Wyon (2003) gave a similar interpretation following their result that
594 dancers' task-involving climate perceptions positively predicted worry, speculating that "*It*
595 *may be that when factors such as personal improvement are highly emphasized then*
596 *individuals begin to develop a tendency to over-concern themselves with their ability to*
597 *consistently improve and demonstrate personal progression, resulting in debilitating*
598 *worries.*" (p. 112). Although the present study revealed no significant positive correlations
599 between task-involving climate perceptions and either perfectionistic strivings or concerns at
600 the bivariate level, such basic analyses may not be adequate in detecting relationships
601 between these constructs. Indeed, the above noted study by Nordin-Bates et al. (2014),
602 derived from the same cohort as the present study, found that task-involving climate
603 perceptions predicted increases in perfectionistic strivings over time. In that same study, more
604 perfectionistically concerned dancers perceived their motivational climate as becoming more
605 ego-involving and less task-involving than their less perfectionistic peers (see also Penniment
606 & Egan, 2011).

607 In sum, the present way to capture potential environmental impacts on DEA may not
608 be ideal. Future work is required to establish whether other conceptualizations or
609 measurement approaches to teacher or peer behaviors, motivational climates, or other
610 environmental aspects are better suited to understanding how performance environments may
611 contribute to, or prevent, DEA development. One promising approach is based in self-
612 determination theory (Ryan & Deci, 2000) and focuses on the study of controlling leadership;
613 in fact, one cross-sectional study has demonstrated significant relationships between
614 perceptions of controlling coach behaviours, psychological need thwarting, and DEA in sport
615 (Bartholomew, Ntoumanis, Ryan, Bosch, & Thøgersen-Ntoumani, 2011).

616 The relative stability of many of the study variables across time highlights one of the
617 difficulties inherent in studying disordered eating development. Further longitudinal work,

618 ideally over longer time scales, is clearly warranted; moreover, qualitative enquiry can aid a
619 deeper understanding (Papathomas & Lavalley, 2012). Other limitations of the present study
620 are also worth noting. First, only a small sub-set of dancers provided complete data at all five
621 time points, despite the study spanning two years and five data collections, with highly
622 committed dance centres who went out of their way to clear schedules for data collections.
623 The limited number of participants across all time points was partly alleviated, however, by
624 use of a statistical method that uses all available data points to model results; as such, we
625 believe that the relatively large sample size and longitudinal nature of the work, which
626 allowed examination of both between- and within-person effects, could be considered
627 strengths. At the same time, the choice to consider between- and within-person effects led us
628 to avoid examining potential moderator effects. It can be noted that such effects have been
629 demonstrated in studies examining between-person differences in disordered eating (e.g.,
630 Brannan et al., 2009), and this line of research certainly warrants extension.

631 In line with much previous literature in related domains, we used the EAT-26 (Garner
632 et al., 1982); however, this was not originally developed for use with children and use of a
633 child-specific scale (e.g., the ChEAT; Maloney, McGuire, & Daniels, 1988) may have been
634 preferable for our youngest participants. The questionnaires used were as relevant and dance-
635 specific as possible and in the present study their psychometric properties were supported.
636 However there are still no validated measures developed specifically for the domain of dance
637 targeting our variables of interest and this necessitated the use of slightly amended measures.
638 Further measure development in the domain of dance is warranted. At the same time,
639 extending our work into sport would be a valuable endeavor. In particular, there is a need for
640 further research into the predictors of DEA among, for instance, male athletes in aesthetic
641 sports such that future prevention efforts can be built on good-quality evidence regarding
642 which variables are most suitable as intervention targets.

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Conclusion

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In the present study, young dancers' attitudes relating to disordered eating (DEA) were studied, and DEA predictors were found to differ between males and females. Only perfectionistic concerns emerged as a common predictor variable for both sexes. For male dancers, additional significant predictors included perceptions of the motivational climate as task- and/or ego-involving. It was also noted that male dancers in a centre focused on classical ballet reported higher DEA scores than their peers in two of the centres focusing on contemporary dance. All of these predictors operated at the between-person level. For females, additional predictors emerged at both the between-person (self-esteem) and within-person levels (perfectionistic strivings and concerns). That is, when female dancers experienced heightened perfectionistic strivings and concerns in comparison to themselves, they also reported higher DEA scores. These findings extend literature regarding the (mal)adaptiveness of perfectionistic strivings. We also call for further theoretically grounded investigations into how learning environments may be related to DEA, given that our findings both concurred with and opposed theoretical reasoning based in Achievement Goal Theory. This would enable environmental risk factors to be better understood and managed. Additionally, our findings imply that dance teachers and sport coaches should not be given undue responsibility or critique as regards their role in performers' disordered eating development, when individual dispositions may be more suitable targets for intervention. Finally, future intervention efforts may need to be designed with different foci for males and females.

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868 Table 1. Means, Standard Deviations and Sample Sizes for Key Study Variables Across Time

Variables		Time 1		Time 2		Time 3		Time 4		Time 5	
		<i>M (SD)</i>		<i>M (SD)</i>		<i>M (SD)</i>		<i>M (SD)</i>		<i>M (SD)</i>	
		Female N =149	Male N =43	Female N =124	Male N =56	Female N =162	Male N =55	Female N =157	Male N =64	Female N =213	Male N =73
<i>Eating Attitudes Test - 26</i>	Total	5.29 (6.70)	5.26 (9.39)	5.91 (6.75)	4.41 (7.23)	5.12 (6.35)	3.55 (5.74)	6.06 (8.25)	3.55 (6.72)	5.10 (6.61)	3.56 (5.58)
	% Scoring above Cutoff	7.29 %	7.59%	7.74%	5.48%	7.94%	4.35%	7.23%	5.68%	5.65%	1.75%
<i>Perfectionism Inventory</i>	Perfectionistic Strivings	9.29 (1.66)	9.37 (1.90)	9.05 (1.49)	9.23 (1.99)	8.91 (1.57)	8.61 (1.60)	8.96 (1.61)	8.78 (1.62)	8.90 (1.53)	8.63 (1.80)
	Perfectionistic Concerns	11.20 (2.87)	11.54 (2.74)	10.97 (2.69)	11.30 (2.79)	10.96 (2.68)	10.70 (3.05)	11.29 (10.35)	10.35 (3.04)	10.96 (2.59)	10.81 (3.04)
<i>Self-Esteem Scale</i>		30.32 (3.85)	31.33 (3.43)	30.32 (4.58)	31.30 (4.92)	30.72 (4.35)	31.18 (4.75)	29.69 (4.69)	32.02 (4.29)	30.30 (4.61)	31.37 (4.17)
<i>PMCSQ-2</i>	Task-Involving	4.30 (.46)	4.30 (.54)	4.31 (.46)	4.28 (.47)	4.34 (.43)	4.27 (.45)	4.32 (.51)	4.34 (.52)	4.31 (.44)	4.24 (.57)
	Ego-Involving	2.02 (.71)	2.00 (.75)	2.15 (.71)	2.37 (.81)	2.16 (.66)	2.12 (.70)	2.26 (.68)	2.15 (.73)	2.17 (.74)	2.27 (.75)

869 *Note:* These descriptive statistics have been generated from the sample of 597 dancers who contributed data to the multilevel models, with one
870 exception: prevalence rates (% dancers scoring above cutoff for the EAT-26) were calculated from the entire sample of 752 dancers. This was
871 felt to give a more truthful representation because percentages are highly influenced by sample size, and there were relatively small numbers of
872 males at some time points. Scores range from 0-3 (EAT-26), 1-4 (Self-esteem scale) 1-5 (Perfectionism Inventory, PMCSQ-2). Data for the
873 EAT-26 is in raw form, because these are more readily interpreted than the log-transformed scores used in analyses. For the Perfectionism
874 Inventory, scores represent the summed averages of three (perfectionistic strivings) and four (perfectionistic concerns) subscales. PMCSQ-2 is
875 Perceived Motivational Climate in Sport Questionnaire – 2.

876 Table 2. *Number of participants providing complete data at 1-5 time points.*

Data points	Females		Males	
	N	Frequency	N	Frequency
1	227	51.83%	82	51.57%
2	105	23.97%	40	25.16%
3	68	15.53%	23	14.47%
4	26	5.94%	10	6.29%
5	12	2.74%	4	2.52%
Total	438	100%	159	100%

877 *Note.* These data points represent data having been collected in any order, so that a person
878 contributing data at, for instance, two time points may have done so at time points 1 and 2, 2
879 and 3, or indeed any combination, including having done so at non-consecutive times.

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882 Table 3. *Estimates Obtained from Multilevel Model Predicting Disordered Eating Attitudes*
 883 *for Females*

<i>Fixed Part</i>		Estimates			
		Coefficient	SE	z	p
Time		-.001	.011	-0.86	0.39
Age at time 1		-.014	.013	-1.13	0.26
<i>Dummy variables</i>	< 12 months in CAT	-.066	.061	-1.08	0.28
	12-24 months in CAT	-.021	.005	0.45	0.67
	<6 years in dance	.048	.060	0.80	0.43
	6-11 years in dance	.014	.044	-0.32	0.75
	CAT centres				ns*
<i>Training hours weekly</i>	Between-person	.003	.005	0.62	0.53
	Within-person	.002	.004	0.45	0.65
<i>Perfectionism</i>	Strivings, between-person	.013	.016	.85	.40
	Strivings, within-person	.048	.017	2.79	< 0.01
	Concerns, between-person	.049	.010	4.72	< 0.01
	Concerns, within-person	.035	.011	3.04	< 0.01
<i>Self-Esteem</i>	Between-person	-.021	.005	-3.80	< 0.01
	Within-person	-.005	.006	-0.86	.39
Intercept		.724	.286		
<i>Standard Deviation of Random Effects</i>					
Intercept		.076	.016		
Residual: AR(1)		.411	.099		
Var(e)		.094	.014		
<i>Overall</i>					
Log-likelihood		-378.60		Observations	805
				Individuals	438
Multilevel vs. linear regression		$\chi^2 = 193.84, p < .01$			

884 *Note.* *Because complete reporting on 7 dummy variables is highly space-consuming, the
 885 results of these calculations have been omitted. However, none were significant.

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888 Table 4. *Estimates Obtained from Multilevel Model Predicting Disordered Eating Attitudes*
 889 *for Males*

<i>Fixed Part</i>		Estimates			
		Coefficient	SE	<i>z</i>	<i>p</i>
Time		-.008	.017	-0.44	0.66
Age at time 1		.003	.018	0.19	0.85
<i>Dummy variables</i>	< 12 months in CAT	.004	.092	0.05	0.96
	12-24 months in CAT	-.114	.072	-1.59	0.11
	<6 years in dance	.023	.078	0.30	0.77
	6-11 years in dance	.071	.078	0.91	0.36
	Contemporary centre 1*	-.523	.142	-3.67	< 0.01
	Contemporary centre 2*	-.398	.116	-3.43	< 0.01
<i>Training hours weekly</i>	Between-person	-.008	.006	-1.33	0.18
	Within-person	.001	.006	0.12	0.90
<i>Perfectionism</i>	Strivings, between-person	-.000	.023	-.00	0.99
	Strivings, within-person	.022	.023	0.92	0.36
	Concerns, between-person	.041	.015	2.68	< 0.01
	Concerns, within-person	.013	.017	0.77	0.44
<i>Self-Esteem</i>	Between-person	-.014	.009	-1.66	0.10
	Within-person	.002	.009	0.20	0.84
<i>Motivational Climate</i>	Task, between- person	.169	.070	2.42	< 0.05
	Task, within-person	.052	.063	0.83	0.41
	Ego, between-person	.166	.052	3.18	< 0.01
	Ego, within-person	-.075	.048	-1.57	0.12
Intercept		-.395	.482		
<i>Standard Deviation of Random Effects</i>					
Intercept		.067	.021		
Residual: AR(1)		.307	.174		
Var(e)		.067	.016		
<i>Overall</i>					
Log-likelihood		-134.81		Observations	291
				Individuals	159
Multilevel vs. linear regression		$\chi^2 = 54.33, p < .01$			

890 *Note.* *Because complete reporting on 7 dummy variables is highly space-consuming, only
 891 the significant results of these calculations have been included. For motivational climate,
 892 “task” denotes task-involving climate perceptions and “ego” denotes ego-involving climate
 893 perceptions.

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