

May 22, 2006

Dear Dr. Dougherty,

As a follow-up to our last email concerning 0 p values in the meta-analysis program we used in our ms. on A Meta-Analytic Study of Predictors of Loneliness in Adolescents, we received the email below from a colleague of Dr. Mullen. We had tried to contact Dr. Mullen at Syracuse U. and then at the U. of Kent in England by phone and email because he wrote the computer program we used in our meta-analysis.

The email below confirms that our interpretation of the 0 p values is correct, and the tables we sent you on 5/2/06 are accurate.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Noreen Mahon and co-authors

Subject: Dr. Mullen's Advanced BASIC program

From: Paige Muellerleile

Date: Sat, May 20, 2006 10:26 am

To: nmahon@andromeda.rutgers.edu

I recently received a copy of the email that you sent Dr. Mullen regarding p values = 0 in his program. I was a student of Brian's and can confirm that p = 0 occurs in his program when the value is so small that reporting it to the decimal is rather meaningless (I believe when E-39). You may interpret the p = 0 as being highly significant, which makes a great deal of sense if it is associated with a large chi-square.

If you have further questions about his program or meta-analysis generally, you are welcome to address them to me.

Best,

Paige Muellerleile, PhD