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Cloninger's Temperament and Character Model and the Big Five

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Currently, two models of personality are extensively studied: Cloninger's temperament and character model and the Big Five model. However, there are few studies that looked into the relationship of the two. Therefore, we examined the relationship in this study. Temperament and Character Inventory (TCI) and Big Five Scale were administered to 457 university students. Results indicated strong inter-correlations between variables of TCI and Big Five Scale, and suggested that the temperament and character model could explain the Big Five. In addition, for explanation of each factor of the Big Five model except the extroversion, it was suggested that not only temperament but also character were necessary. Finally, characteristics of each factor of the Big Five were discussed from the viewpoint of the temperament and character model.

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