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*Impact of sport participation among adolescents*

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The prevalence of child maltreatment is overwhelming: a third of the population has endured at least one form of child maltreatment (Afifi et al., 2014). This includes sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, exposure to inter-parental violence, and neglect (WHO, 2016). Considering the deleterious and long-lasting consequences of child maltreatment (Dion et al., 2014; Vézina et al., 2015), it is important to better understand how to promote resilience and positive adaptation in its victims. Many factors are known to improve resilience, however, the impact of sport participation on the adaptation of adolescents who have been victimized has been understudied. This study used a longitudinal design to gather novel data concerning the role of sport participation and sport context on the adaptation of adolescents who have been victims of child abuse and neglect. Overall, 1,788 adolescent girls and boys in grades 9 and 10 ( $M = 14.74$ ,  $SD = .84$ ) were recruited in Quebec schools and followed-up twice (i.e. once/year). Adolescents completed self-report questionnaires on electronic tablets in classrooms to evaluate child maltreatment, violence in sport, sport participation, and psychological adaptation (body satisfaction, self-esteem, internalized and externalized symptoms, life satisfaction). Among them, 40% reported having experienced at least one form of child maltreatment (neglect, sexual, physical, or psychological abuse). Sport participation was associated with higher psychological adaptation and child maltreatment, to lower psychological adaptation. Moreover, sport participation moderated the relationship between child maltreatment and psychological adaptation (self-esteem, body satisfaction, and life satisfaction). These results suggest that sport may buffer some of the consequences of child maltreatment. Considering that victims are less likely to participate in sport (in our sample, 50,7% vs 57,4% respectively,  $p = .005$ ), it might be important to consider how to promote sport participation among adolescents to foster resilience and well-being.