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# LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**AIC:** Akaike Information Criteria

**ANOVA:** Analysis of Variance

**ANCOVA:** Analysis of Covariance

**ANN:** Artificial Neural Network

**CFI:** Confirmatory Factor Analysis

**HCA:** HierarchicalCluster Analysis

# LIST OF SYMBOLS

**df:** Degrees of freedom

**F:** F distribution

**X̄:** Arithmetic average

**κ (kappa):** Cohen’s measure of agreement corrected for chance agreement

**σ (sigma):** Population standard deviation

**Σ (capital sigma):** Population variance-covariance matrix

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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## 2.1 Primary (Classical) Literature

## 2.2 Secondary (Recent) Literature

## 2.3 Materials

# 3. METHOD

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## 3.1 Description of the Methods

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