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## The performance of researchers in multidisciplinary research groups: Does social capital matter?

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### Tables

**Table 1. Exploratory Factor Analysis Results**

Items	Component (factor loadings)		
	1	2	3
In my research team, the research members usually ...			
... maintain contacts and collaborations with colleagues within the same field of research	0.825		
... obtain joint research results with colleagues within the same field of research (e.g. research projects or theses)	0.812		
... maintain a good social climate	0.784		
... attend seminars, conferences or workshops in our field	0.701		
... exchange ideas and share knowledge and information	0.660		
... interact frequently and easily with one another	0.640		
... obtain joint research results with colleagues from other fields of research (e.g. research projects or theses)		0.892	
... maintain contacts and collaborations with colleagues from other fields of research		0.859	
... partner with management professionals to develop research processes		0.629	
... hold regular formal meetings			0.822
... hold frequent informal meetings			0.659
Eigenvalues	4.931	1.780	0.944
Total variance explained by each factor (%)	44.825	16.183	8.580
Cumulative variance explained by the factors (%)	44.825	61.009	69.59
Cronbach's alpha	0.883	0.777	0.635
Kaiser–Meyer–Olkin: 0.829			
Bartlett's test of sphericity: Chi-square: 590.104			
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Signification: 0.000			

\*\*\*significant at 1%; Varimax rotation was used to simplify the interpretation of the factors

**Table 2. Descriptive statistics and correlations**

Variable	Max	Min	Mean	SD	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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1	H-Index	23	0	4.173	5.106	1													
2	Team size	60	2	8.130	8.996	0.048	1												
3	Experience	50	2	14.730	9.677	0.569**	0.045	1											
4	Multidisciplinarity	0.95	0	0.513	0.362	0.052	0.106	0.068	1										
5	Internal social capital (factor)			0	1	0.070	-0.215*	0.055	-0.281**	1									
6	External social capital (factor)			0	1	-0.170	0.037	-0.022	-0.305**	0	1								
7	Structural social capital (factor)			0	1	-0.027	-0.138	-0.009	-0.460**	0	0	1							

\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level; \* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

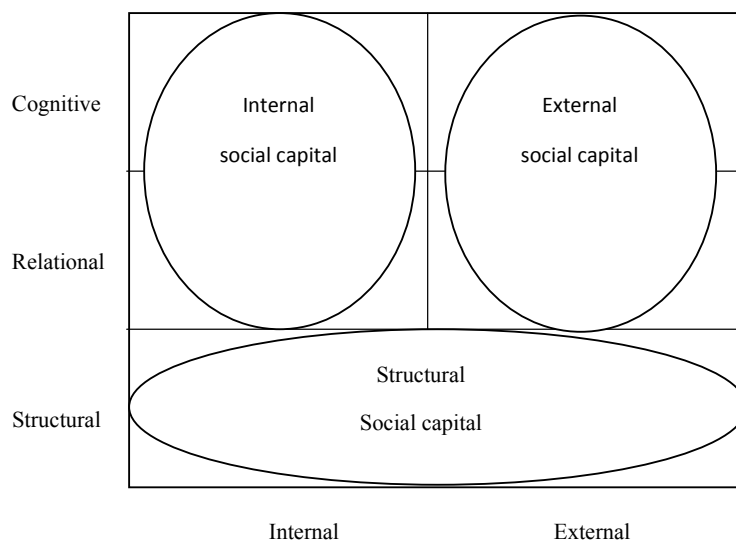
**Table 3. Results of the regression analysis**

Variables	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3	Model 4
Constant	(0.835)	(0.979)	(1.077)	(1.071)
Experience	0.567*** (0.042)	0.566*** (0.043)	0.515*** (0.044)	0.465** (0.045)
Team Size	0.020 (0.049)	0.019 (0.05)	-0.006 (0.049)	0.027 (0.05)
Multidisciplinarity		0.012 (1.138)	1.202** (7.448)	1.419*** (7.538)
Multidisciplinarity <sup>2</sup>			-1.199** (7.774)	-1.366** (7.825)
Multidisciplinarity × Internal SC				0.170* (0.687)
Multidisciplinarity × External SC				-0.016 (0.628)
Multidisciplinarity × Structural SC				0.098 (0.696)
R <sup>2</sup>	0.322	0.323	0.355	0.382
Durbin–Watson				1.472
Overall F	25.457***	16.823***	14.427***	8.998***

N = 110. Standardized regression coefficients are report, standard errors are in parentheses. \* $p < 0.1$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$

## FIGURES

**Figure 2. Interactions between SC dimensions**



Source: Own elaboration

## Appendix 1: Questionnaire of social capital

We request that you give us your opinion on a series of questions related to your activity as a researcher belonged to a research team.  
It will take no more than 5 minutes. All the data you provide us will be treated in an aggregated and anonymous way, with strictly academic objectives, so your answers will be completely confidential.

Researcher information					
Name:					
University:					
Gender:		Position:		Scientific field:	
Years of research experience:					
Please indicate your degree of agreement with the following statements:					
	<i>Strongly disagree</i>				<i>Strongly agree</i>
In my research team, the research members usually ...	1	2	3	4	5
...maintain contacts and collaborations with colleagues within the same field of research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...interact frequently and easily with one another	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...maintain contacts and collaborations with colleagues from other fields of research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...attend seminars, conferences or workshops in our field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...exchange ideas and share knowledge and information	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
...obtain joint research results with colleagues within the same field of research (e.g. research projects or theses)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

...obtain joint research results with colleagues from other fields of research (e.g. research projects or theses)

...maintain a good social climate

...hold frequent informal meetings

...hold regular formal meetings

...partner with management professionals to develop research processes