

Abstract

MMPI-A has been developed recently, as a result of MMPI Restandardization Project, to improve MMPI for use with adolescent. Before it can be used in a Chinese context, there is a need to study its cultural relevance to Chinese adolescents. The purpose of this study tries to examine differences between U.S. and Chinese adolescents on the scale level and to determine whether a local norm for MMPI-A is needed. 1287 protocols of MMPI-A were collected from schools of different academic standing and geographical districts and were subjected to the excluding criteria of VRIN or TRIN ≥ 80 . The final normative sample consists of 565 males and 664 females. The profile of local normative sample fall within "normal range" of MMPI-A using the U.S. adolescent norms. However, elevations on some scales are still be found and the implications are discussed.