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The Child Anxiety Scale as a potential screening device for bullying in young children

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Abstract

The 20 item Child Anxiety Scale (CAS) was administered to 343 elementary school children. Unweighted Least Squares extraction with oblique rotation produced 3 correlated primary factors that were interpreted as matching factors C, L and O of the Sixteen Personality Factors questionnaire for adults. Of particular interest was the factor L pattern which has never been identified before with children. Since the items most highly loading on factor L conveyed a sense of being persecuted by other children, scores on this dimension may prove useful in screening for bullying. Higher order factor analysis confirmed the hypothesis of a general anxiety factor.

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