
Author Abstract:

This paper reported on concordant validity and interjudge and test-retest reliability on a sample of 140 study participants of both sexes putting both from healthy volunteers (students, volunteers recruited through newspaper advertisements, Internet) and patients (mothers of children with failure to thrive, dysthymic women). All classifications were done by certified reliable judges from German transcripts. There was significant classification AAP/AAI concordance (N=122) for four classification concordance (92% agreement, kappa = .89, p <.000) and secure-insecure concordance (97% agreement, kappa = .80, p <.000). The calculations of the inter-rater reliability (N = 140) resulted in 4 groups a match of 97% (kappa = .82, p <.000); when comparing the two main groups (secure versus insecure) a match of 97% (kappa = .74, p <.000) was achieved. The test-retest reliability was examined for 27 participants, showing for four group comparison, a test-retest agreement of 89% (kappa = .88, p <.000) and in two groups (secure vs. insecure) a 100% agreement (kappa = 1, p <.000).