

Abstract

The current study was a validation of emotional STROOP task, parental acceptance-rejection questionnaire and personality assessment questionnaire of sexually abused children. For the purpose of study a sample of 50 control (25 girls and 25 boys) and 50 abused (25 girls and 25 boys) were drawn through the process of purposive sampling ($N = 100$). The sample consisted of school going children between the ages of 8-16. The sample was taken from non-governmental schools and NGO. Three instruments, Parental Acceptance-Rejection Questionnaire (PARQ-Mother/Father), (Rohner, Saaverda, & Granum in 1980), Personality Assessment Questionnaire (PAQ), (Rohner & Khaleque, 1978) and Emotional STROOP task, were used to explore the relationship between the variables. The results showed that girls showed greater parental rejection than boys, were less psychologically and emotionally adjusted than boys. The results also showed that boys were high on psychological abuse while girls were high on physical and sexual abuse. The results of STROOP showed that sexually abused children showed more reaction time than non-abused children.

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