

Abstract

The present study investigated the effect of behavioral problems of children with Down syndrome and their mother's maternal coping strategies. It was hypothesized that there is relationship between the maternal coping and behavioral problems of children with Down syndrome. The sample of 54 children age range (6-18 years) and 54 mothers age range (25-52 years) were taken from four special educational institutions (two Government and two private special educational institutions) in Lahore. For the present study the Urdu version of Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL; Achenbach & Edelbrock, 1991) and The Cope Inventory (Parveen & Malik, 2012) were used. The results of the present study showed that there was no correlation between the maternal coping and behavioral problems of children with Down syndrome. The study concludes that the finding of the current study suggest that maternal coping strategies are not a risk factor for behavioral problems of children with Down Syndrome and it was also revealed that behavioral problems do not contribute to the maternal coping strategies. Furthermore, it was also revealed that there was a significant difference of behavioral problems of children with Down syndrome who belong to different socioeconomic status, mother's education level and family size. The results of the current study are discussed in the light of existing literature.