

Abstract

The present study examined the psychometric properties and factor structure of the Dysfunctional Attitude Scale (DAS) among Chinese adolescents in Hong Kong. Nine hundred and twenty-four secondary school students were each given a set of questionnaires including the DAS, the Depressive Experiences Questionnaire for Adolescents (DEQ-A) and the Center for Epidemiologic Studies Depression Scale (CES-D). The Chinese version of the DAS was found to have high internal consistency and construct validity. Three factors were found for the female sample: "Need for Approval", "Need to Reveal Strength", and "Strive to be Outstanding". For the male sample, the following three factors were found: "Strive for Success", "Hiding Weaknesses" and "Need for Approval". Gender differences in factor structure were interpreted in terms of different theories concerning sex role orientation.