

### Abstract

This is a replication study which aims at examining the theory of mind abilities in autistic children with normal intelligence in chinese population. The effects of age and intelligence in task performance were also investigated.

50 children participated in Six "theory of mind" tasks. They included children with autism and normal developing children. The two groups of children were individually matched with sex, age and intelligence.

The autistic children showed poor performance in these "theory of mind" tasks than the normal developing children, except the "window task". The results were similar to the many western findings which supported the theory of "theory of mind deficit" in autism. Moreover, the relationship between task performance and the age as well as the relationship between task performance and the intelligence was mild across tasks.