

ABSTRACT

The Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory – Adolescent (MMPI-A) has been widely used in various countries for the assessment of personality profiles of different groups of adolescents. The applicability of the MMPI-A in assessing adolescent delinquents in Hong Kong was examined in the present study. Their MMPI-A patterns were compared with the normative sample's patterns, which were obtained by Cheung & Ho (1996). The study confirmed most of the hypothesis and the most prominent Validity and Clinical Scales were Scales *F*, *F1*, *F2*, and Scales *4*, *6* and *9*. Four of the Supplementary Scales, MAC-R, ACK, PRO and IMM were also found to be significantly elevated. Five of the seven hypothesized elevations were found in the Content Scales. Multiple Logistic Regression Analyses also supported the MMPI-A's utility in differentiating delinquents from the normative sample. Most of the findings were consistent with the previous studies on adolescent delinquents.