

## Abstract

Achenbach's multi-axial empirical based assessment battery is one of the most widely used devices in assessing and evaluating problem behaviors and social competencies in children. It involves three questionnaires, the Child Behavior Checklist (CBCL), the Teacher's Report Form (TRF) and the Youth Self-Report (YSR). The aim of the present study is to examine the concurrent validity of these instruments. T-test is used to examine these instruments' ability to discriminate between clinical and community sample. Diagnostic efficiency statistics, including specificity and sensitivity, are also calculated. The results support the concurrent validity of the instruments. Comparisons of the present findings with previous studies and the Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire (SDQ) further confirm the concurrent validity of the instruments. In conclusion, the CBCL, TRF and YSR are recommended as screening instruments in assessing the psychological adjustment of children and youths.