

ABSTRACT

Clinical psychologists in Hong Kong have been skipping the vocabulary subtest when performing intelligence tests to adult patients in Hong Kong due to the fact that no locally standardized and normalized Chinese vocabulary tests are available. This study examined several local researchers' attempts in developing a valid and reliable Chinese vocabulary test to be included, particularly in the current WAIS scales, for testing adult patients. One locally developed independent Chinese vocabulary test that included only locally used words items was selected and used to collect initial normative data. Validity of the test was also examined. Results showed that this independent Chinese vocabulary test correlated significantly with TONI-3, Test Of Non-Verbal Intelligence, score as well as recent academic performances among a sample of 164 local primary school students and college students. Partial validation of this independent Chinese vocabulary test was demonstrated.