

Abstract of thesis entitled:

The Development and Preliminary Validation of Chinese Clinical Multi-Axial
Inventory (CCMI)

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The present study attempts to restructure the Chinese Personality Assessment Inventory-2 (CPAI-2), an indigenous personality test with a highly valuable data base, and develop a new clinical assessment instrument, tentatively called the Chinese Clinical Multiaxial Inventory (CCMI). The CCMI is designed to assess: 1) disordered personality features; 2) psychosocial adjustment; and 3) common psychiatric symptoms. Two samples, both from Mainland China and Hong Kong, were collected. Sample 1 involved 1911 normative individuals and sample 2 involved 1659 psychiatric patients. Both samples completed the CPAI-2. Sample 2 also completed the Chinese Personality Disorders Inventory. Results reveal good psychometric properties for all CCMI scales. Convergent and concurrent validity of the CCMI scales have also been demonstrated. Findings also provide preliminary support to the clinical utility of the CCMI-Clinical Symptom scales in differentiating patients with different clinical diagnoses. It is hoped that the CCMI will provide clinicians in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China a culturally relevant, theory-guided, user-friendly and efficient clinical assessment instrument.