Abstract

With a view to develop and validate a relationship standard measure for intercultural couple, the present study aimed at validating the Chinese-Western Intercultural Couple Standards Scale (CWICSS), a measure that assesses individual partner's relationship standards with reference to Chinese and Western cultural standards. 286 Chinese participants were recruited to fill in a set of online questionnaires, including the CWICSS and measures that conceptualized to be related to the scale. After factor analysis, the Hong Kong version CWICSS (HK-CWICSS) with 53 items was produced. The HK-CWICSS displayed similar factor structure to the original CWICSS. It consisted of two relationship standards, Family Responsibility and Couple Bond. The HK-CWICSS showed good convergent and divergent validity and high internal reliability. The two relationship standards of HK-CWICSS also had strong positive correlation with the original scale. The findings suggested that males endorsed more strongly than female in Family Responsibility, but no significant gender difference was found in Couple Bond. The current study suggested that the HK-CWICSS could be a tool to assess potential areas of conflicts or protective factors in Chinese couples. Future research direction was discussed.