

Translation and Validation of Spence Child Anxiety Scale – Parent version (SCAS-P)

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In the present research, Spence Child Anxiety Scale (Parent version) (SCAS-P) developed by (Spence, 1999) was translated into Urdu language and validated for the assessment of anxiety disorder in Pakistani children. SCAS-P (Urdu version) was presented to respective mothers of academically low performing children within age range of 7 to 13 years ($N = 100$, mean age = 9.83, $SD = 1.64$) including (girls: $n = 38$) and (boys: $n = 62$). The age range of mothers was between 26 to 49 years ($N = 100$). Validation of SCAS-P through Child Behaviour Checklist (CBCL) (Urdu version) (Khan & Awan, 2011) was carried out. The children ($N = 245$) was selected as a sample. There were (girls: $n = 75$) and (boys: $n = 170$) from 3rd to 5th grades. The results showed the alpha reliability coefficients of subscales of SCAS-P (Urdu version) ranged from .68 to .81 and for total it was .92. Convergent validity of SCAS-P was estimated by correlating the scores of SCAS-P with CBCL (Urdu version). The result of correlation was significant and added to the validity of SCAS-P (Urdu version), it ranged from .33 to .68 that was significant at .01 level. Discriminant validity was assessed by correlating the scores of SCAS-P with CBCL. The results showed significant inverse relationship between both measures.

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