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Development and Validation of Family Boundaries Scale

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Abstract Objective: Based on the concept of boundaries from the theory of structural family therapy and the current conditions of family therapy in China, Family Boundaries Scale was developed to collect information about boundaries between two generations. Methods: A total of 683 participants(340 males and 343 females) completed the Scale effectively, with their age ranging from 22 to 50. All participants had been married for more than one year. Results: Factor analysis revealed that Boundaries Scale had a two- factor structure, including intrusion from nuclear family to original family and intrusion from original family to nuclear family. The results showed that Family Boundaries Scale and its two subscales had high internal consistency reliability ranged from 0.702 to 0.862 and good test- retest reliability ranged from 0.825 to 0.880. Conclusion: The current study develops Family Boundaries Scale and analyzes the reliability and validity. All results are suitable for the demands of psychometrics. Still criterion validity needs further investigations.

Key words Family boundaries scale; Family structure; Reliability; Validity



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