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Abstract

The present study investigated whether the dimensional framework of the EMBU, a questionnaire assessing adults' retrospective perceptions of parental rearing styles, could be retrieved in an EMBU version that was adapted for adolescents, the EMBU-A. Based on a sample of 1153 healthy young adolescents (mean age 12.4 years), confirmatory factor analyses showed that the factors of Rejection, Emotional Warmth, Overprotection and Favouring Subject found in the new EMBU-A were closely related to the factors originally interpreted in adult ratings. Reliability and aspects of convergent and divergent validity of the new scale were encouraging. Implications and suggestions for future research are discussed.



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