



More on the Validity of Brief Tests of Executive Function

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The Trail Making Test has been validated among black, Chinese, and Japanese populations, although the Chinese and Japanese studies used the written version.¹⁻³ Each of these groups contained age-adjusted norms. Verbal fluency tests have been validated in a study of elderly Chinese living in Hong Kong.⁴ In a small study, Mack and colleagues administered verbal fluency tests to U.S. Latinos, giving participants a choice of testing in English or Spanish; test results were comparable regardless of the test language and weren't confounded by cultural differences.⁵ Another study found that the results of verbal fluency tests were similar in Spanish-speaking patients irrespective of their country of origin when age and schooling were factored into the analysis.⁶ The CLOX has been validated in Hispanic, Mexican, Asian Chinese, and black populations.⁷⁻⁹

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