TODDLER BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE (ABBREVIATED)

Reference

Companion Documents
TBAQ 1994 Measure
TBAQ 1994 Scoring Key
TBAQ 1994 Item by Content
TBAQ-R 2003 Measure
TBAQ-R 2003 Scoring Key
TBAQ-R 2003 Item by Content

Description
The Toddler Behavior Assessment Questionnaire (TBAQ), a measure of temperament, was initially designed for use with children ages 18-24 months, although Goldsmith (1996) noted that it has proven useful with children from 16-36 months. The TBAQ measures temperamental dimensions of activity level, tendency to express pleasure, social fearfulness, anger proneness, and interest/persistence. Items are rated on a 7-point scale ranging from 1 = never to 4 = about half the time to 7 = always during the past month. A not applicable option also is provided for use when the respondent has not seen the child in the particular situation in the past month.

The TBAQ has been revised several times since its development. In its current iteration, developed in 2003, the TBAQ-R comprises 110 items measuring activity level, inhibitory control, anger, interest, attention, object fear, pleasure, social fear, sadness, soothability, and sensory defensiveness.

Note: Per Hill Goldsmith, the abbreviated version of the TBAQ used in this study includes items measuring inhibitory control from the Children’s Behavior Questionnaire.

Administration: 36 months
An abbreviated TBAQ, identified as Child’s Behavior in the Last Month in the site-specific questionnaire battery, was administered at 36 months to mothers (n = 113) during a site-specific family lab, and to caregivers (n = 73) during the common protocol child care visit.

Scoring: See TBAQ 1994 Measure and TBQA 1994 Scoring Key
Activity Level
Mean of 8 items: 1a, 1b, 2, 15a, -15b, 21a, -21b, 21c. A higher score reflects more limb, trunk, or locomotor movement during a variety of daily situations, including free play, confinement, or quiet activities.

Mother report = M36TBAAL
N = 113, M = 4.05, SD = 0.97, range = 1.43-6.13, α = .75

Caregiver report = C36TBAAL
N = 73, M = 3.29, SD = 0.90, range = 1.38-5.38, α = .73
Anger
Mean of 11 items: 5a, 5b, -5c, 8a, -8b, 10a, -10b, 10c, 13a, 13b, 13c. A higher score reflects more Crying, protesting, hitting, pouting, or other signs of anger in situations involving conflict with the respondent or another child.

Mother report = M36TBAAN
N = 113, M = 4.16, SD = 0.85, range = 2.00-6.09, α = .75

Caregiver report = C36TBAAN
N = 73, M = 3.36, SD = 1.03, range = 1.00-6.45, α = .83

Inhibitory Control
Mean of 7 items: -3, 6, 7, 11, 20, 25, 26. A higher score reflects a greater capacity to restrict or alter behavior under instruction.

Mother report = M36TBAIC
N = 113, M = 4.57, SD = 0.80, range = 2.71-6.14, α = .66

Caregiver report = C36TBAIC
N = 73, M = 4.76, SD = 0.92, range = 2.50-6.57, α = .67

Interest
Mean of 10 items: 9a, 9b, -14a, 14b, 16a, -16b, -16c, -17, 19a, -19b. A higher score reflects greater duration of task engagement in ongoing solitary play.

Mother report = M36TBAIN
N = 113, M = 4.75, SD = 0.66, range = 2.60-6.20, α = .59

Caregiver report = C36TBAIN
N = 73, M = 4.47, SD = 0.87, range = 1.90-6.40, α = .72

Pleasure
Mean of 9 items: 4b, 12a, 12b, -18a, 18b, 18c, 22d, 22e, 22f. A higher score reflects more smiling, laughter, and other hedonically positive vocalizations or playful activity in a variety of non-threatening or mildly novel situations.

Mother report = M36TBAPL
N = 113, M = 5.50, SD = 0.76, range = 2.88-7, α = .71

Caregiver report = C36TBAPL
N = 73, M = 5.08, SD = 1.14, range = 1.89-7, α = .87

Social Fearfulness
Mean of 10 items: -4a, 22a, 22b, -22c, 23a, -23b, -23c, -24a, 24b, 24c. A higher score reflects greater inhibition, distress, withdrawal (vs. approach), or signs of shyness in novel or uncertainty-provoking situations.

Mother report = M36TBASF
N = 113, M = 3.55, SD = 1.06, range = 1.00-6.33, α = .82

Caregiver report = C36TBASF
N = 73, M = 3.13, SD = 0.96, range = 1.00-6.00, α = .62
Analysis Data Set
SS36MO

Raw Data Sets
Mother report: M36TBAQ
Caregiver report: C36TBAQ