Abstract

This study was designed to measure the factorial structure of Robinson’s Parental Practices Questionnaire, constructed to assess parenting practices according to Baumrind’s classification. 60 mothers were interviewed, and a confirmatory factorial analysis was tested. The results showed that the evaluated instrument contained two factors in the subjects studied: the authoritarian and the authoritative styles, instead of the three factors proposed by its author. Lack of supervision and ignoring misbehaving, originally included in the permissiveness factor, were integrated to the authoritarian factor, and lack of confidence corresponded to the authoritative factor in the sample studied. It is concluded that, at least in the studied sample, the factorial structure differed from the one proposed originally.

Keywords

Parenting styles; Parental practices; Factorial structure.