

DEVELOPING ARABIAN VERSION OF THE SOCIAL COMMUNICATION DISORDE SCALE (SCDS)

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ABSTRACT _ The Purpose of this study was to develop the Arabian Version of the Social Communication Disorder Scale (SCDS), the scale has the purpose to evaluate the Social Communication Disorder. The Arabic version of the scale was consisted of (42) items, distributed (Communication Skills, Verbal communication skills, and nonverbal communication skills). The sample consisted of (78) individuals in the age groups from (5-8, 8-11 and 11-14) years. The validity of the scale was achieved by using the content validity where the arbitrators agreement ratio of items linguistics formulation was (80%), and the arbitrators agreement ratio of items correlation with the scale's dimensions was (97%). The results showed that there were statistical significances ($\alpha = 0.05$), regarding the age variable for the two dimensions. The reliability coefficient was calculated for the scale by using the Split Half – Procedure equation ($n=78$), the reliability coefficient correlation was (0.91). The concurrent validity indications of the scale, via calculating the coefficient correlation the internal consistency approach by using the method of Cronbach Alpha ($n=78$) the total correlation coefficient was (0.88).

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