Psychometric properties of the Young's Early Maladaptive Schema Questionnaire - Short Form (YSQ-S3) in Colombia (pp. 65-87)

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This article presents two studies evaluating the construct validity and reliability of the "Young's Early Maladaptive Schema Questionnaire - Short Version" (YSQ-S3; Young, 2005). The first study, with 1004 participants, showed that the YSQ-S3 had excellent overall reliability according (Cronbach's $\alpha = .97$; $\omega = .97$); while the factors showed acceptable to good reliability according to the range in which the minimum and maximum reliability coefficients of the 18 scales were placed (α from .67 to .89, and ω from .67 to .86). Confirmatory factor analysis (CFA) showed that the model with 18 first-order correlated factors had the best fit indices. In addition, using CFA with second-order factors, evidence was found to support the hierarchical organization of the instrument into five second-order domains. Study 2, with 806 participants, successfully replicated the best model of study 1 against an alternative one. It is concluded that the YSQ-S3 is a valid and reliable instrument for the Colombian adult population.