

## Consistency of Choice Behavior in Rett syndrome

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The opportunity to make choices is important for improving the quality of life and increasing the sense of control experienced by persons with developmental disabilities. One of the most important criteria to highlight the ability to make choices is the consistency. The aim of this study was to analyze the consistency of choice behavior in girls with Rett Syndrome (RS).

A sample of twenty-four girls (13 girls with RS and 11 control girls, matched on mental age) was tested in three different levels of abstraction: with actual items, with pictures of the items, and with written name of the items.

The results of the present study show that the RS girls can make consistent choices among alternatives in the same way of the normally developing girls. They continue to have high level of choice consistency with the actual items, with the pictures of the items and three girls with written name presentation, so this consistency does not vary with higher levels of abstraction. The consistency may be used in RS as an assessment methodology to enhance the choice's ability.

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