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COMPARISON OF BODER TEST OF READING AND SPELLING PATTERNS WITH WECHSLER INTELLIGENCE SCALES

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The conceptualization behind the Boder Test of Reading and Spelling Patterns (BTRSP) has received favorable support from the literature. However, there is some controversy concerning the ability of the BTRSP itself to successfully discriminate among the accepted sub-types of dyslexia. Little research has been performed assessing the actual validity of the BTRSP. The Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Revised (WAIS-R) and the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children - Revised (WISC-R) are well accepted measures of intelligence. The present study examined the relationship between the BTRSP sub-types and sub-test of the Wechsler intelligence scales. Mixed results were obtained. Predictions that were supported include the following: Dysphonetics were significantly lower in their Verbal IQ (VIQ) than in their Performance IQ (PIQ); Dyseidetics had a higher VIQ than Dysphonetics; Dysphonetics were lower than the WAIS-R normative group on the sequencing factor; Dysphonetics were not different from the WAIS-R normative group on the perceptual/organization factor.