



Responsiveness and discriminant validity of the Child and Adolescent Scale of Participation (CASP) in a US sample of children and youth with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) across a 3-year period

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Introduction

- ❖ Participation of children and adolescents with TBI has been found to be restricted in comparison to typically-developing peers.¹
- ❖ Follow-up beyond the acute period of recovery is required to assess the impact of TBI over time.²
- ❖ The CASP³ assesses participation of children and adolescents with TBI in home, school and community settings.
- ❖ The CASP has prior reported evidence of reliability and validity evidence.³⁻⁶
- ❖ Responsiveness of the CASP over time has never been assessed.

Research Aims

1. To examine the responsiveness of CASP scores among children and youth with TBI and a comparison group with arm injuries across a 3-year period.
2. To examine the differences in CASP scores among children and youth with TBI mild, moderate, severe and arm injuries across a 3-year period (*discriminant validity*).

Sample & Methods

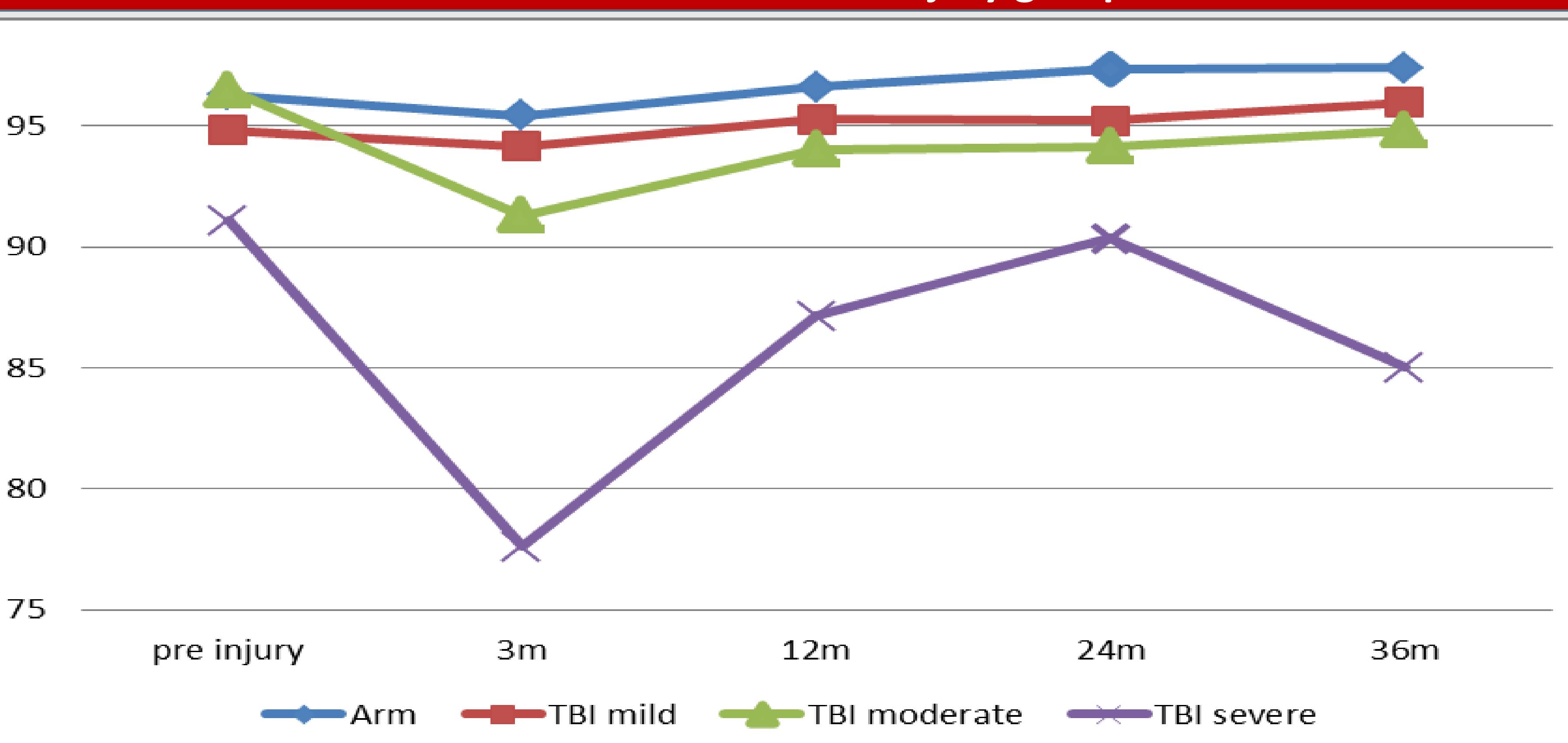
- De-identified data from longitudinal prospective cohort study (10 hospitals in the USA)⁷
- 515 children ages 0-18 years (M = 12.12 years, SD = 3.88): 0-4 (1%), 5-9 (31%), 10-14 (38%), 15-18 years (30%)
- TBI: n=401 (77.9%): *Mild* (69.1%), *Moderate* (7.4%), *Severe* (1.4%); Arm injuries: n=114 (22.1%)
- Male (69.5%), English speakers (95.5%)
- Race/ethnicity: White (73.4%), Hispanic/Latino (6.4%), Black/African American (2.5%); Asian (1.7%); Other (16%)
- ❖ Examined CASP scores (parent-report) at baseline (pre-injury) and 3, 12, 24, and 36 months post-injury
- ❖ Repeated measures analysis of variance ("within-between" model) and Scheffé post-hoc tests

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Results

Mean CASP scores of TBI and Arm Injury groups over time



- A significant time effect among groups ($F = 13.066$, $p < 0.001$)
- A significant interaction effect between time and type of group ($F = 2.306$, $p = 0.014$)
- Severe TBI scores significantly ($p < 0.001$) lower than other groups at all time periods; Medium to large effect sizes ($d = 0.473 - 1.133$)

Summary & Conclusions

- CASP was responsiveness to change over time particularly for Severe TBI group (Aim 1):**
- ❖ A pattern of gradual increase in CASP scores over time except for Severe TBI group).
 - ❖ On average, Arm Injury & Mild TBI returned to pre-injury scores at 36m post-injury.
 - ❖ On average, Moderate & Severe TBI did not return to pre-injury at 36m post-injury.

CASP differentiated children with more severe from those with milder injury (Aim 2):

- ❖ Consistent with prior discriminant validity evidence.⁴⁻⁵

Conclusions:

- ❖ Results provide support for use of CASP to assess participation of children and youth with TBI across levels of severity and time.
- ❖ Limitations: different factors might have affected the results (unequal representation of sample characteristics, child's age, different hospitals, use of both English and Spanish versions).
- ❖ Future research needed with larger sample of children and youth with moderate-severe TBI.

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