The Social Phobia Inventory (SPIN; Connor et al., 2000) is a self-report measure assessing symptoms of social anxiety. Currently, the SPIN is not available in French. We assessed the reliability and validity of a French version of the SPIN. Questionnaire packages that included the SPIN as well as another measure of social anxiety and measures of depression and obsessive compulsive symptoms were completed by 193 English speaking and 216 French speaking participants, each in their respective languages. To assess test-retest reliability, 38 English and 39 French participants completed the questionnaire package a second time after an approximately 5 week delay. The SPIN had excellent internal consistency and test-retest reliability in both French and English. Additionally, the SPIN exhibited strong convergent and divergent validity. The results of this study will be discussed in terms of issues associated with the assessment and treatment of anxiety disorders in English- and French-speaking populations.

Participants: Undergraduate students from Concordia University, l’Université de Montréal & l’Université de Québec à Montréal.

216 French & a subset of 39 participants completed both the SPIN and the Fear Survey Schedule-III (FSS; Wolpe & Lang, 1969). In French by experts in the field and then back-translated into English by individuals unfamiliar with the original English version of the scale.


Psychometric Properties: Internal consistency and test-retest reliability were calculated for the SPIN. It is therefore recommended that the SPIN total score be used instead of the individual subscale scores.

Convergent and Divergent Validity: The SPIN was translated, according to recommendations by Vallerand (1989), into French by experts in the field and then back-translated into English by individuals unfamiliar with the original English version of the scale.

Using the Fear Survey Schedule-III (FSS; Wolpe & Lang, 1969) and the Social Phobia Inventory (SPIN), prior to the development of the Social Phobia Inventory (SPIN; Burns et al., 1996). Precision Psychometrics; Psychological Corporation.

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Confirmatory Factor Analysis (CFA): To assess the convergent and divergent validity of the SPIN, we assessed the reliability and validity of a French version of the SPIN. Questionnaire packages that included the SPIN as well as another measure of social anxiety and measures of depression and obsessive compulsive symptoms were completed by 193 English speaking and 216 French speaking participants, each in their respective languages. To assess test-retest reliability, 38 English and 39 French participants completed the questionnaire package a second time after an approximately 5 week delay. The SPIN had excellent internal consistency and test-retest reliability in both French and English. Additionally, the SPIN exhibited strong convergent and divergent validity. The results of this study will be discussed in terms of issues associated with the assessment and treatment of anxiety disorders in English- and French-speaking populations.

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