KLiP: An Innovative Online Tool for Screening Potential Hearing Loss in Children Aged 3 to 6

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Background



While Preschool Hearing Screening (PHS) has proven effective in identifying children with late-onset hearing loss, its full implementation in Taiwan has encountered various challenges, such as cost, limited trained personnel, and insufficient resources.

Aim of the Study

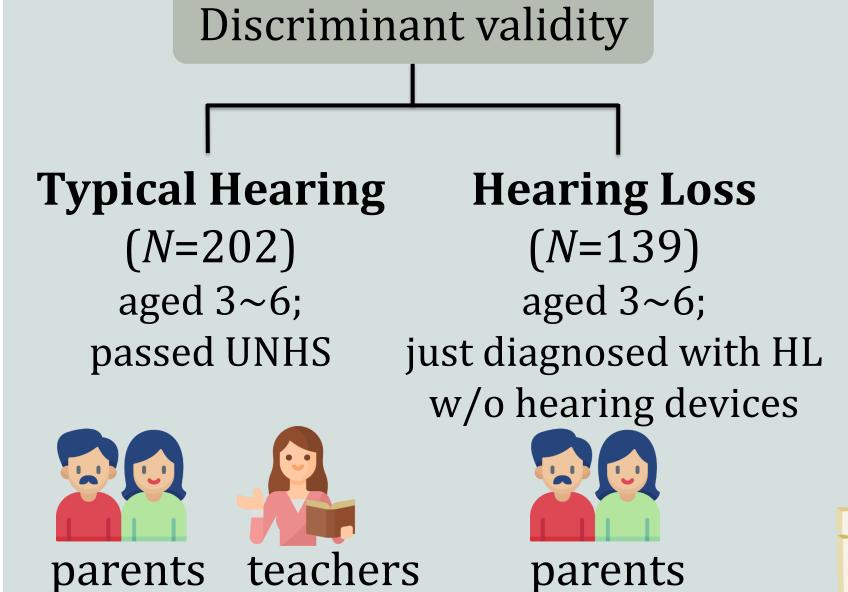
To develop the Kid's Listening Performance (KLiP) Checklist, a user-friendly online tool designed for parents and preschool teachers to identify children who may have potential hearing difficulties.

Validation

Interrater

reliability

A comprehensive literature review and expert feedback resulted in an initial set of 29 items.



Innovative approach

An artificial neural network model with a back-propagation algorithm was constructed, including only items with high reliability and strong validity.

Sensitivity 90%

Specificity 97%

KLiP

The final KLiP Checklist consisted of 6 clinical background questions and 8 items evaluating listening performance.



8 main items

("Red" answers indicates potential hearing difficulties)

- ① Hears and understands most of what is said at home and in school.(Yes/No)
- ② Responds appropriately (e.g., answer questions, express opinions, ask questions) after listening to a story or a dialog. (Yes/No)
- Often requests others to repeat for clarification (such as saying, "Huh? What did you say?") (Yes/No)
- 4 Has difficulties determining the direction of a sound. (Yes/No)
- ⑤ Follows longer directions, like "get the toy cars on the table and put it into the basket in the room" or "draw a small circle and a big square on the paper." (Yes/No)
- © Often tilts his/her head to listen with one ear. (Yes/No)
- © Concern has been raised regarding potential hearing difficulties in my child. (Yes/No)
- Strangers can generally understand what the child is saying. (Yes/No)

Significance

- ✓ The KLiP Checklist is a user-friendly, low-cost, and accessible online tool.
 - Users receive immediate results which can be easily saved and shared with family members or professionals for further evaluation.
 - It empowers parents and preschool teachers to identify children with potential hearing difficulties and seek early professional consultation.
- ✓ The KLiP Checklist serves as a surveillance tool to complement PHS.

