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## **Adolescent Behavioural Outcomes Scale: Development and Validation in Ibadan, Nigeria**

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**ABSTRACT** This article describes the development and validation of a 56-item self-administered questionnaire which aims to measure adolescent behavioural outcomes (adolescent violent tendency, adolescent health concerns, adolescent social adjustment and adolescent sexual vulnerability) with the aim of detecting early point of intervention among the three major ethnic groups in Nigeria (Ibo, Yoruba and Hausa). Items were generated from 16 focus group discussions, literature review and theory. This was followed by, repeated measures, taken from, in and out-of school adolescents. The questionnaire was acceptable to the adolescents. It was reliable (test-retest and split-half). Comparisons with independently gathered interview data showed that it had criterion-related validity.

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