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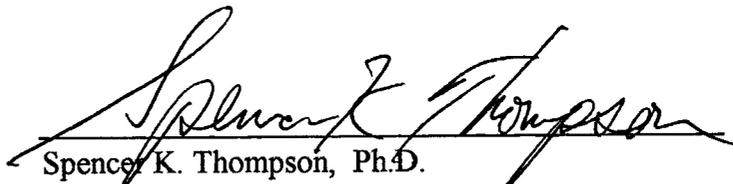
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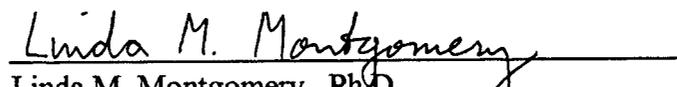
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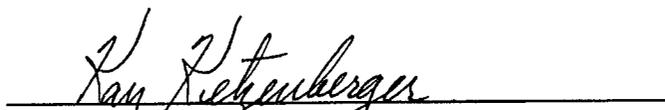
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## Abstract

Previous research on the relationship between children's levels of aggression and impulsivity have been inconclusive. Studies of each of these behaviors independently have shown that they are correlated with many of the same factors. However, no studies have been found in which aggression and impulsivity have correlated specifically with each other. The purpose of the present study was to determine if a relationship exists between aggression and impulsivity in children. The participants of this study consisted of 115 children who had been tested at a center for behavioral analysis to determine diagnoses of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder. They had been referred for testing because of behavioral problems or school performance problems. They include males and females between the ages of four years and fifteen years. Archival reports completed by parents and teachers were used to determine the participants' levels of aggressive and impulsive behaviors. Statistical analysis revealed significant correlations between children's levels of aggression and impulsivity as rated by parents  $r = -0.71, p < .01$ ) and teachers  $r = -0.79, p < .01$ ).