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[\[PDF \(314K\)\]](#) [\[References\]](#)**Construction of New Toddler Temperament Questionnaire**[Yuko Takei](#)<sup>1)</sup>, [Masaharu Terasaki](#)<sup>1)</sup> and [Masako Kadota](#)<sup>2)</sup>

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The purpose of this study was to investigate whether we could find nine temperament factors for infants, corresponding to the nine categories suggested by New York Longitudinal Study. And the other purpose was to construct a new toddler temperament questionnaire, to be used during infant care consultation. In Study 1, 88 items were selected out of 960 from six previously existing questionnaires of toddler temperament. After an examination of the items for content validity, 970 parents completed the questionnaire at their child's 18-month health examination. Statistical analyses of the data yielded six factors: negative affect reactions (9 items), sensitivity (10), adaptability (6), extroversion (8), rhythmicity (7) and distractibility (7). In Study 2, a shorter form consisting of the same six factors with three items each was constructed. The new questionnaire had almost half the number of items used in previous toddler temperament questionnaires, but would reliably screen infant temperament, appropriate to Japanese culture.

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