

# **Hand Test Responses of Children with Conversion Disorder and Normal Children**

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**Abstract.** Conversion disorder has been found to be on increase in developing countries due to many social, familial and personal reasons. In recent years, the prevalence of conversion has been increased in children as well which is alarming. The empirical evidence supports the view that conversion is the response to unexpressed distress. The current study was designed to explore the hand test responses of children suffering from conversion disorder. For this purpose, firmly diagnosed children with conversion disorder were included in the sample. The sample was purposively selected and after screening hand test was administered on 16 children. In order to make a comparison, hand test was also administered on 16 school going children. The analysis revealed that children with conversion disorder gave more crippled responses. Thus it appears that in face of adversity the children with conversion disorder may feel unable to deal with it and develop conversion disorder. The results of the study are discussed in light of cultural and contextual variations.