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Faking personality measures in the setting of a traffic-psychological assessment for regaining the driving license: Explicit self-report questionnaire versus Objective Personality Test versus Implicit Association Test

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ABSTRACT:

The susceptibility to faking of the explicit *Inventory of Driving Related Personality Traits* (Herle et al., 2005), the Objective Personality Test *Vienna Risk-Taking Test Traffic* (Hergovich et al., 2006) and the self-developed Implicit Association Test (*IAT – Risk-Taking*) was explored. The quasi-experimental design included the comparison between real-world examination-candidates of traffic-psychological assessments with a guaranteed faking-intention and a honest control group. For the statistical analysis a sequential testing design was used. While the explicit self-report measure as well as the “Objective” Personality Test were successfully faked by the real-world examination-candidates, the conscious distortion of the IAT failed. Implications are discussed.