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**INITIAL DEVELOPMENT OF INDONESIAN MOTORCYCLE RIDER  
BEHAVIOUR**

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**ABSTRACT**

The use of motorcycle in Jakarta increased rapidly in the last ten years. This is due to lack of sufficient public transport services. The public tried to overcome the congestion problem individually by using motorcycle. Among the daily users of motorcycles were university students. This paper discusses the development of motorcyclist behaviour questionnaire in Indonesian context. Interviews were conducted to 100 male motorcyclists and 50 female motorcyclists. All respondents were Tarumanagara University students in Jakarta. The questionnaire consists of 31 statements reflecting motorcyclist behaviour. The statements were the result of focus group discussion among researchers in this topic. Respondents were asked to rate whether they strongly agree (1), agree (2), disagree (3) or strongly disagree (4) to each statement. The collected data were analyzed using exploratory factor analysis (EFA).

**Keywords:** motorcyclist behaviour questionnaire, university students, exploratory factor analysis

**1. INTRODUCTION**

In the last ten years congestion in Jakarta, Indonesia became worse. This is due to uncontrolled city development and lack of sufficient public transport system. As the public felt that the government did not overcome this problem seriously, they tried to find instant individual “solution” by riding motorcycle daily that allow them to find gap in a congested roads, ease them to find parking space and relatively affordable in terms of ownership, maintenance and operation cost. University students ride motorcycle daily. In this paper only the students from Tarumanagara University, Jakarta were observed.

**2. PREVIOUS STUDIES**

As motorcycle is not a daily mode of road transport in most countries, previous journal papers on motorcycle rider behaviour questionnaire were limited. Persian Motorcycle Rider Behaviour Questionnaire (MRBQ) was developed by (Motevalian et al, 2011). It consists of 48 items reflecting six subscales, i.e. speed violation, traffic errors, safety violations, traffic violations, stunts and control errors. Four years earlier Elliott et al (2007) develop MRBQ to predict motorcycle crash risk in Great Britain. It was following Driver Behaviour Questionnaire (DBQ) developed by Reason et al (1991) in classifying driver behaviour into errors and violations subscales. Traffic errors were the main predictors of crash risk according to Elliot et al (2007).

Sexton et al (2004) used 24 items in their MRBQ reflecting four factors, i.e. traffic errors, speeding, stunt and control error. Examples of traffic errors are fail to notice that pedestrians are crossing when turning into a side street from a main road; attempt to overtake someone that you hadn't noticed to be signalling a right turn, etc. Examples of speeding are exceed the speed limit on a residential road; race away from traffic lights with the intention of beating the driver/rider next to you; open up the throttle



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and just go for it on country roads, etc. Examples of performing stunts and other high risk behaviours are attempt to do, or actually do, a wheelie; intentionally do a wheel spin, etc. Examples of control errors are run wide when going round a corner; brake or throttle back when going round a corner or bend; find that you have difficulty in controlling the bike when riding at speed. In a study on Risk and Motorcyclist in Scotland, Sexton et al (2006) divided the interview instrument into three main sections i.e. motorbike and riding experience, risk and attitudes, and risk and enjoyment factors.

Behaviour questionnaires were sensitive to culture difference. For example, Fergusson and Horwood (2000) modified Driver Behaviour Questionnaire (DBQ) developed by Reason et al (1991) to Reflect New Zealand condition. Xie and Parker (2002) considered Chinese culture in developing Chinese DBQ. Similarly Lajunen et al (2004) considered local culture when using Manchester DBQ in safety research in the Netherlands and Finland. Persian MRBQ (Motevalian et al, 2011) adjusts significantly items in MRBQ developed by Elliott et al (2007) in Great Britain. During focus group discussion with Persian local experts some items in Elliott's MRBQ were deleted especially items concerning the use of riding protective clothing. Some specific Persian riding behaviour were added, for example in terms of riding right of way, helmet use, red light running, etc. Therefore the need to develop Indonesian MRBQ is justified. This paper is aimed to discuss the initial development of Indonesian MRBQ.

### 3. METHODOLOGY

#### 3.1 Data Collection

In the pilot survey to test the validity and reliability of the questionnaires, there were 10 male respondents and 5 female respondents. After deleting non-valid and non-reliable questions, the final questionnaires were then distributed to 100 male respondents and 50 female respondents of Tarumanagara University who ride motorcycle daily. Number of male respondents were more than number of female respondents, considering gender proportion of Tarumanagara University students who ride motorcycle daily. Likert scales were used in the questionnaire. Respondents were asked to rate whether they strongly agree (1), agree (2), disagree (3) or strongly disagree (4) with each statement in questionnaire items.

#### 3.2 Data Analysis

During pilot survey, temporary constructs were used to enable to conduct validity and reliability tests. Construct validity was measured by calculating product moment correlation between item score and total item score in a construct. A significant level of 0.05 was used. Reliability analysis was conducted using Cronbach Alpha value. To be reliable, the value should be at least 0.6. In this step 44 items were in the questionnaire, reflecting 4 constructs, i.e. aggressive behaviour, traffic violation, riding error and external disturbance. After validity and reliability test, 13 items were deleted. The remaining 31 items were used in the main survey. Before the factor analysis was conducted, the results of questionnaires were evaluated. Further deletion were required to 2 misleading items. Therefore only 29 items were extracted using principal component analysis and rotated using varimax with Kaiser Normalization. IBM SPSS Statistics 22 was used to help analysis.

### 4. RESULTS

Mean value of each item in the questionnaire was less than 2.5. This implies that in general respondents have a relatively safe riding behaviour. The varimax rotation converged in 13 iterations. The result is reported in Table 1. Nine factors were extracted which accounted for 65.6% of the total variance. Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin Measure of Sampling Adequacy was 0.72. Value greater than 0.7 justifies sampling adequacy of the factor analysis. Some items belong to more than one factor and

therefore deleted due to unclear factor membership. 8 factors were finally used, i.e. speed related aggressive behaviour, safety violation, control error, external disturbance, traffic violation, prediction error, external human disturbance, braking error and selfish behaviour.

Table 1: Rotated Component Matrix

Items	Component								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Avoid speeding in divided road	0.720								
Speeding while angry	0.638								
Avoid to use bus lane	0.634								
Avoid speeding although the vehicle can do it	0.617								
<del>Avoid to overtake from left</del>	<del>0.557</del>						<del>-0.343</del>		
<del>Do not queue beyond signalized intersection stopline</del>	<del>0.539</del>	<del>0.309</del>							
Avoid to text on trip		0.841							
Avoid to answer incoming call or sms on trip		0.838							
Keep reasonable distance to vehicle in front		0.609							
Look at rearview mirror while turning in an intersection			0.842						
Look at rearview mirror while overtake			0.828						
<del>Carefully turn from side road to main road</del>		<del>0.462</del>	<del>0.606</del>						
<del>Appropriately use the headlight</del>			<del>0.446</del>		<del>0.306</del>			<del>0.311</del>	
Larger advertisement size distract concentration more				0.895					
Advertisement displayed electronically is more attractive				0.850					
Advertisement billboards disturb/ distract concentration				0.819					
Allways wear helmet even in short trip					0.762				
Allways wear standardized helmet on trip					0.644				
Allways bring rider license if on trip					0.571				
Avoid to listen to music through headset on trip					0.461				
Predict incoming vehicle speed while overtake a vehicle						0.817			
Predict overtook vehicle speed						0.794			
<del>Turn on turning sign before make a turn</del>			<del>0.452</del>			<del>0.522</del>			
Homeless people. beggars & street singers are annoying							0.823		
Hawkers are annoying							0.806		
Carefully passing pot holes								0.793	
Start braking when signal turn amber								0.396	
Pull over to help other rider involve in accident									0.719
<del>Watch the speed in residential area</del>			<del>0.336</del>		<del>0.306</del>				<del>0.503</del>

## 5. DISCUSSION

Some items in Persian MRBQ (Motevalian et al, 2011) were similar with the developed Indonesian MRBQ. For example regarding:

- speeding
- red light running
- space between vehicles
- joining main traffic from side road
- helmet use
- brake use

However there were some items from Persian MRBQ (Motevalian et al, 2011) that can be added into Indonesian MRBQ, for example:

- pedestrian related items
- speeding in residential area
- riding between two lanes
- riding with impaired motorcycle
- carry a passenger who have not worn helmet
- carry more than one passenger

There were also differences in constructs used in Persian MRBQ (Motevalian et al, 2011) with the factors found in this paper as can be seen in Table 2. The phrases typed in *Italic* show same or similar constructs between two instruments.

Table 2: Comparison between Persian MRBQ (2011) and Indonesian MRBQ Constructs

<b>Persian MRBQ (Motevalian et al, 2011) Constructs</b>	<b>Indonesian MRBQ Constructs</b>
<i>Speed Violation</i>	<i>Speed Related Aggressive Behaviour</i>
<i>Safety Violation</i>	<i>Safety Violation</i>
<i>Control Error</i>	<i>Control Error</i>
Traffic Error	External Disturbance
<i>Traffic Violation</i>	<i>Traffic Violation</i>
Stunt	Prediction Error
	External Human Disturbance
	Braking Error
	Selfish Behaviour

## 6. CONCLUDING REMARKS

Indonesian MRBQ is still in a very early stage of development. It needs further research in terms of the scope of the items and in terms the scope of the respondents. Further methodological advancement also required to enhance the quality of the instrument.



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