

**Abstract**

In communication, aphasic persons with limited speech rely on supportive strategies and on the help of the communication partner. The RIJST is a new tool assessing both aspects of aphasic communication. In a group of patients with similar severe verbal deficits four different communication profiles were observed. These profiles differ both in the use of supportive strategies and in the amount of help needed from the partner. The results are highly relevant for communication therapy and offer insight in the discussion concerning the relation between verbal deficits and communicative abilities in severe aphasia.