



The Cognitive Effects of Bilingualism in Developmental Disorders

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Message from the Guest Editor

Bilingualism has been reported to confer advantages in cognitive domains such as Executive Functions and Theory of Mind (Adesope et al., 2010; Bialystok, 2011; Schroeder, 2018). These areas may be specifically impaired in subgroups of children with developmental disorders (DD), including but not limited to those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Developmental Language Disorder (DLD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and Down syndrome (DS) (Yirmiya et al., 1996; Happé et al., 2006; Korkmaz, 2011; Crisci et al., 2021). While research indicates that children with DD can successfully acquire two languages (Kay-Raining Bird, 2016), work specifically exploring the cognitive effects of this linguistic experience is scarce. The findings of such work would be of both theoretical and practical relevance: theoretically, they would shed new light on the language-cognition interface, and practically, they would allow parents of children with DD to make evidence-based decisions regarding dual language exposure.

This Special Issue of *Languages* thus welcomes investigations of the effects of bilingualism on the cognitive abilities of children with DD.

