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MP – motor persistence; B – balance; C – coordination; SD – shapes drawing; VM – visual memory; SF – strategy formation; AM – auditory memory; CF – concept formation; L – lexical abilities; MS – morpho-syntactic abilities; NR – non-verbal reasoning; D – drawing

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  275-292.

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