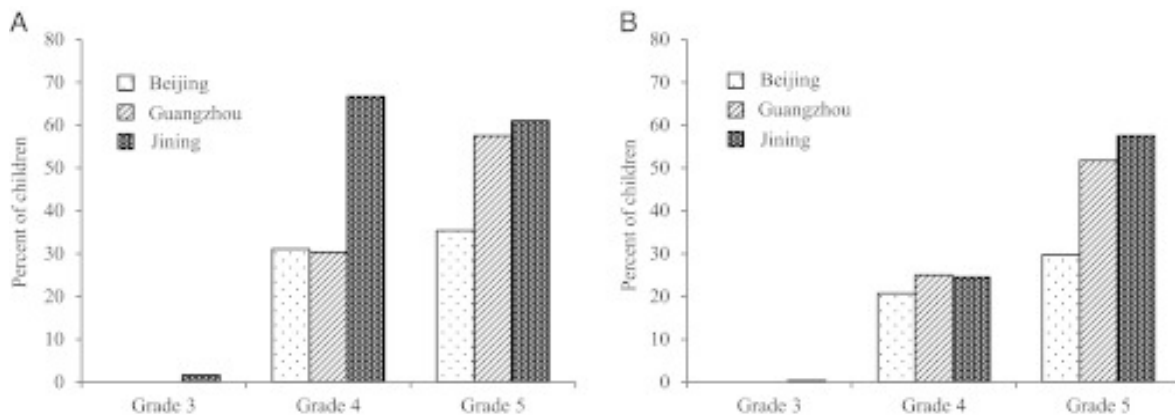


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Percentage of children who were two grades (i.e., 2 y) behind in reading achievement in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Jining. The incidence rates of severe reading difficulty are higher according to the Stevenson criterion (A) than the incidence rates in terms of the China scoring criterion (B).

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