



## UNC CFAR Social and Behavioral Science Research Core SABI Database

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Sexual and Physical Abuse History Questionnaire

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Leserman, J., Drossman, D. A., & Li, Z. (1995). The reliability and validity of a sexual and physical abuse history questionnaire in female patients with gastrointestinal disorders. *Behavioral Medicine*, 21(3), 141-150.

**POPULATION:** Women, patients

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** Sexual Abuse: YES (1) or NO (0); Physical Abuse: (0) Never, (1) Seldom, (2) Occasionally, (3) Often

**SCORING:** Sexual abuse: if participants indicated YES to any items, they are given a score of 1 for a abuse, and the rest are given 0 for no abuse.

### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

[This instrument has already been formatted by the author. Please see attached.]

**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Test-retest [Sexual Abuse] = 81%, Test-retest [Physical Abuse] = 77%

**VALIDITY INFORMATION:** The following methods were used to assess validity:  
Criterion-related validity:

- Predictive: Abuse questionnaire & clinic questionnaire

### **TERMS OF USE:**

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We now know that many people have unwanted "sexual" or violent experiences as children or adults. Some of these are with playmates or friends and some with relatives or acquaintances. These experiences may be so upsetting that they may not be discussed with anyone. Sometimes they are forgotten for long periods of time, and sometimes they are frequently brought to mind.

We would like you to help us understand these experiences that people may have. Please try to remember whether any of the following occurred to you:

**Sexual Abuse Items on the Questionnaire (Modified from Badgley[ 18])**

Circle for both as child and as adult.

	As a child (13 and younger)		As an adult (14 and over)	
1a. Has anyone ever exposed the sex organs of their body to you when you did not want it?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1b. Has anyone ever threatened to have sex with you when you did not want it?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1c. Has anyone ever touched the sex organs of your body when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1d. Has anyone ever made you touch the sex organs of their body when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1e. Has anyone ever forced you to have sex when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1f. Have you had any other unwanted sexual experiences not mentioned above? If yes, please specify:	Yes	No	Yes	No

Physical Abuse Items on the Questionnaire (Modified from Briere[32])

2. When you were a child (13 or younger), did an older person do the following:

a. Hit, kick, or beat you?  
0. Never      1. Seldom      2. Occasionally      3. Often

b. Seriously threaten your life?  
0. Never      1. Seldom      2. Occasionally      3. Often

3. Now that you are an adult (14 or older), has any other adult done the following:

a. Hit, kick, or beat you?  
0. Never      1. Seldom      2. Occasionally      3. Often

b. Seriously threaten your life?  
0. Never      1. Seldom      2. Occasionally      3. Often