



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

**INSTRUMENT TITLE:** Composite Abuse Scale

**SOURCE ARTICLE:** Hegarty, K., Bush, R., Sheehan, M. (2005). The composite abuse scale: Further development and assessment of reliability and validity of a multidimensional partner abuse measure in clinical settings. *Violence and Victims*, 20(5), 529-547.

**POPULATION:** heterosexuals, women, adolescents, students, youth, caregivers, medical providers

**RESPONSE OPTIONS:** (0) Never, (1) Daily, (3) Once per week, (4) Once per month, (5) Several times, (6) Only once

**SCORING:** Each frequency score is summed.

### **SURVEY ITEMS:**

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**RELIABILITY INFORMATION:** Severe combined abuse Cronbach's  $\alpha = .91$ , Emotional abuse Cronbach's  $\alpha = .93$ , Physical abuse Cronbach's  $\alpha = .94$ , Harassment Cronbach's  $\alpha = .87$

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

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Convergent validity

- CAS & self-rating of abuse

Discriminant validity

- CAS & education
- CAS & socioeconomic status

Known-group validity

- Younger women and women who had left to their partners compared to older women who were married or never married

### **FACTOR ANALYSIS:**

Factor analysis yielded 4 factors.

- Severe combined abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Physical abuse
- Harassment

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