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INSTRUMENT TITLE: OVAT: Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool

SOURCE ARTICLE: Weiss, S., Ernst, A., Cham, E., & Nick, T. (2003). Development of a Screen for Ongoing Intimate Partner Violence. *Violence and Victims*. 18(2): 131-141

POPULATION: heterosexual, women, men, patients, African American, Latino

RESPONSE OPTIONS: YES/NO and a circling range from 'never' to 'always'

SCORING: YES to any of the first 3 questions, and a response of 'often' or 'never' on question 4 indicate a positive screen for ongoing IPV

SURVEY ITEMS:

- 1) At the present times does your partner threaten you with a weapon? (Yes/No)
- 2) At the present time does your partner beat you so badly that you must seek medical help? (Yes/No)
- 3) At the present time does your partner act like he/she would like to kill you? (Yes/No)
- 4) "My partner has no respect for my feelings" (Never, Rarely, Occasionally, Often, Always)

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RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.72$

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Criterion Validity reported

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