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INSTRUMENT TITLE: Partner Abuse Scale (PAS)

SOURCE ARTICLE: Attala, J. M., Hudson, W. W., McSweeney, M., & Features Submission, H. C. (1994). A partial validation of two short-form partner abuse scales. *Women & Health*, 21(2-3), 125-139.

POPULATION: women victims of abuse

RESPONSE OPTIONS: Likert scale including seven possible answers graduating in severity from 1 to 7 including never, very rarely, a little of the time, some of the time, a good part of the time, very frequently, or all the time.

SCORING: “Scoring on each scale was determined by several steps: (1) Summing item responses; (2) summing the number of completed items; (3) subtracting the number of items from the item responses; (4) multiplying the result times 100; and (5) dividing this number by the completed items times 6 as calculated by the largest item response permitted ($k=7-1$). [For example, a raw score of 43 (as the summed item response) minus 25, (the number of completed items), when subtracted equals 18. Eighteen times one hundred equals 1800 and divided by the number of completed items times 6 equals a computed score of **12**.]

Rescaling of each of the four scales was done to convert the actual **raw** scores to scaled scores which have a theoretical range from 0 (never abused) to a maximum score of 100” (Attala et al 127)

SURVEY ITEMS:

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Physical:

1. Physically forces sex
2. Pushes or shoves violently
3. Hits or punches arms and body
4. Threatens me with weapon
5. Beats me so hard I need medical help
6. Slaps my face and head
7. Beats me when he drinks
8. Makes me afraid for my life
9. Physically throws me
10. Hits and punches my face and head
11. Beats my face so badly, I am ashamed to be seen
12. Acts like he would like to kill me
13. Threatens to cut or stab me
14. Tries to choke or strangle me
15. Knocks me down, kicks or stomps me
16. Twists my fingers, arms, or legs
17. Throws dangerous objects at me
18. Bites or scratches me so badly that I bleed or bruise
19. Violently pinches or twists my skin
20. Badly hurts me when having sex
21. Injures my breasts or genitals
22. Tries to suffocate me
23. Pokes or jabs me with pointed objects
24. Has broken one or more of my bones
25. Kicks my face and head

Non-Physical:

1. Belittles me
2. Demands obedience to whims
3. Becomes angry if I say you are drinking too much
4. Demands I perform sex acts I do not like

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5. Becomes upset if my work is not done and thinks it should be
6. Does not want me to have any male friends
7. Tells me I am ugly and unattractive
8. Tells me I couldn't manage or care for myself without him
9. Acts like I am his personal servant
10. Insults or shames me in front of others
11. Becomes very angry if I disagree with his point of view
12. Is stingy in giving me money
13. Belittles me intellectually
14. Demands that I stay home
15. Feels that I should not go to work or school
16. Does not want me to socialize with my female friends
17. Demands sex whether I want it or not
18. Screams and yells at me
19. Shouts and screams at me when he drinks
20. Orders me around
21. Has no respect for my feelings
22. Acts like a bully towards me
23. Frightens me
24. Treats me like a dunce
25. Is surly and rude to me

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach's $\alpha = 0.94$ for physical and 0.95 for non-physical

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Discriminant validity was assessed using a control group; significant differences in scores between two groups.

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