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INSTRUMENT TITLE: *Scale of Perceived Social Support in HIV (PSS-HIV)*

SOURCE ARTICLE: Cortes, A., Hunt, N., & McHale, S. (2014). Development of the scale of perceived social support in HIV (PSS-HIV). *AIDS and Behavior*, 18(12), 2274-2284.

POPULATION:

HIV-positive, HIV-negative, men, women

RESPONSE OPTIONS:

5-point Likert from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”

SCORING:

Table 5 PSS-HIV items scoring table for final version

Items	Answer	Score
All	Strongly disagree	1
All	Disagree	2
1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10 and 12	Neither agree nor disagree	2
4, 5, 6, 8 and 11	Neither agree nor disagree	3
All	Agree	4
All	Strongly agree	5
	Maximum score	60
	Minimum score	12

SURVEY ITEMS: (see page 2)

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach’s $\alpha = 0.91$

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Convergent, divergent, and construct validity were evaluated by calculating correlation coefficients between PSS-HIV and Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS). Factor structure was also performed for belonging, esteem, and self-development.

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Survey Items:

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Respondent data: _____ Age: _____
 Evaluation date: _____ Sex (M/F): _____

Please, answer all items using an "X"

N	SCALE	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
1	I can freely express my opinion to my partner or group of friends.					
2	I feel I can count on my closest friends or partner when I need to be listened to.					
3	I feel emotionally sheltered by my family.					
4	If I ask for it, my friends can give me good advice for my personal development.					
5	To be part of a group of friends allows me to know myself better.					
6	I think that my friends give me possibilities for growth.					
7	If I want to talk to somebody, I can turn to a friend/or my partner and he/she will listen to me.					
8	Most of the time, solutions to problems presented by my group of friends are useful.					
9	If I have problems my friend/partner would help me.					
10	If something is for my own good, my family will support me.					
11	Among my friends conflicts are promptly resolved.					
12	My friends have been able to give me affection when I have needed it.					

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