

E-mail correspondence on November 30, 2005 --

Dear Dr. Bokovoy:

Thank you for the revised manuscript submitted on November 11. At this time, the editors request additional revisions as seen below:

1. Page 15, Results: Second sentence should be moved to Discussion.
2. Page 16, 1st paragraph: The reporting of internal consistency reliability coefficients for individual items as described is confusing. Please remove or clarify what type of reliability you are talking about.
3. Page 16, Discussion: There needs to be some clarity regarding the items or the factor alphas. Did you keep the items because they were important? If they were removed, would they increase the alpha scores for the factor? Then it also becomes an issue of what the tool represents... something to explain family patient responses or other. Please clarify this point.
4. Page 18, under Summary: Clarify sentence 2... effective tool to measure or a useful tool in measuring?

I have received the copyright release forms, thank you. We look forward to receiving these additional revisions in the near future.

Sincerely,

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