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INSTRUMENT TITLE: CPA: Cyber Psychological Abuse Scale

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POPULATION: heterosexual, women, men, students

RESPONSE OPTIONS: 7-point Likert scale ranging from 0 (never) to 6 (more than 20 times)

SCORING: Scored by adding the midpoints for the response categories chosen by the participant. The scores are the same as the midpoints for response options 0, 1, and 2. For response Option 3, the midpoint and score is 4, Option 4 is 8, Option 5 is 15, and Option 6 is 25.

SURVEY ITEMS:

Note. Items shows are for victimization scale. Perpetration scales are identical, with the exception that “your partner” is changed to “you” and that “you” is changed to “your partner.”

*Items with an ellipsis (...) have the phrase “in an e-mail, instant message, text message, or on a social networking site?” at the end.

Factor 1: Minor Cyber Abuse

1. Has your partner called you names ...
2. Has your partner sworn at you ...
3. Has your partner insulted you ...

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4. Has your partner abruptly stopped email, instant messaging, or text messaging during a disagreement?
5. Has your partner used capital letters to “shout” at you ...
6. Has your partner kept tabs on you by checking your e-mail messages, messages on your cell phone, or inbox messages on social networking site?

Factor 2: Severe Cyber Abuse

1. Has your partner threatened you ...
2. Has your partner sent an e-mail about you to others to hurt or embarrass you?
3. Has your partner posted inappropriate pictures or embarrassing information online to humiliate you?

RELIABILITY INFORMATION: Cronbach’s α values: 0.81 for victimizations scale and 0.82 for perpetration scale

VALIDITY INFORMATION: Content, Convergent, Discriminant and Criterion Validity reported along with Factor Structure

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