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Dear Researcher,

Thank you for your interest in the Parental Support for Sexual Orientation Scale that I developed with Ruth Fassinger for use in our research on same-sex romantic relationships. Limited reliability and validity data are available for this unpublished measure (see reference below). To date, analyses involving this scale are published in only one of our articles:


You are welcome to use this scale for noncommercial research as long as you cite our work in any publications that include reference to the scale. You do not need to contact any of the authors for permission to use this scale in noncommercial research. You may *not* use the scale for commercial purposes without permission.

The following page contains the scale itself, as well as basic information about the scale. If you have questions or concerns about the scale that are not addressed here, then feel free to contact me using the contact information below. Best wishes with your research!

Sincerely,

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Parental Support for Sexual Orientation Scale

For each of the following statements, mark the response that best indicates your experiences of parental support in relation to your sexual orientation and same-sex romantic relationship.

1. __________ Disagree 2. __________ Strongly Agree
3. __________ Strongly Disagree 4. __________

1. Disagree Coming out to my mother has been a very painful process for me.
2. Agree My mother is very supportive of my current relationship.
3. Disagree My mother has become a real support regarding my sexual orientation.
4. Agree My mother does not recognize my sexual orientation as legitimate.
5. Disagree My mother has welcomed my partner as much as if she or he were of the opposite sex.
6. Agree I feel like I will never live up to my mother’s expectations of me because of my sexual orientation.
7. Disagree I feel I have failed my mother by being a lesbian, gay, or bisexual person.
8. Agree I fear that my mother will never accept my sexual orientation.
9. Disagree Being a lesbian, gay, or bisexual person has destroyed my relationship with my mother.
10. Agree Coming out to my father has been a very painful process for me.
11. Disagree My father is very supportive of my current relationship.
12. Agree My father has become a real support regarding my sexual orientation.
13. Disagree My father does not recognize my sexual orientation as legitimate.
14. Agree My father has welcomed my partner as much as if she or he were of the opposite sex.
15. Disagree I feel like I will never live up to my father’s expectations of me because of my sexual orientation.
16. Agree I feel I have failed my father by being a lesbian, gay, or bisexual person.
17. Disagree I fear that my father will never accept my sexual orientation.
18. Agree Being a lesbian, gay, or bisexual person has destroyed my relationship with my father.

Scoring Instructions (items followed by an “R” should be reverse scored):

*Mother Support* = Sum of items 1R, 2, 3, 4R, 5, 6R, 7R, 8R, 9R
*Father Support* = Sum of items 10R, 11, 12, 13R, 14, 15R, 16R, 17R, 18R