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Dear Researcher,

Thank you for your interest in the Perceived Racism in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Communities Scale. My colleagues and I developed this scale for use in our research on the experiences of individuals with multiple oppressed identities.

This scale was published in a scientific journal for use in the public domain. You do not need to contact any of the authors for permission to use this scale in noncommercial research. However, I do ask that researchers send any reports of research findings to me as soon as available, including those that remain unpublished. You may not use the scale for commercial purposes without permission.

The following pages contain 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, please feel free to contact me using the contact information below.

Best wishes with your research!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Mohr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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INFORMATION SHEET:
Perceived Racism in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Communities Scale

What is the Perceived Racism in Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Communities Scale?

The scale is a 4-item measure designed to assess perceptions of racism in lesbian, gay, and bisexual (LGB) communities among LGB people of color. Sarno, et al. (2015) initially developed the scale as a subscale within a larger measure of Culture and LGB Identity; the other subscale of this measure is now called the Conflicts in Allegiances scale, which is also available on our website.

Do I need to ask for permission to use the scale?

In the interest of promoting further study, other researchers may use this scale without contacting us to obtain prior permission. However, we do ask that researchers send any reports of research findings as soon as available, including those that remain unpublished, to Jonathan Mohr, Ph.D. (jmohr@umd.edu).

What do I need to know about implementing the scale?

For comparability to the norms published in our study (Sarno et al., 2015), researchers should present respondents with the instructions included in this document (see next page). Also, in some research contexts, it may make sense to replace the word “cultural” with more specific racial-ethnic categories (e.g., replace “cultural identity” with “Asian identity”).

How is the scale scored?

Researchers should reverse score the third item, then average the items (see next page).

What are the psychometric properties of the scale?

The Perceived Racism in LGB Communities Scale was derived as a subscale of a measure of Culture and LGB Identity using exploratory factor analyses (see article listed below). Data from a large sample of LGB people of color supported the reliability and validity of the scale, suggesting that the measure may offer researchers an efficient means of perceptions of racism in LGB communities.

What else is important to know about the scale?

Before using the scale, we suggest you read about the instrument development process in the article below.

Sarno, E. L., Mohr, J. J., Jackson, S. D., & Fassinger, R. E. (2015). When identities collide: Conflicts in allegiances among LGB people of color. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology, 21*(4), 550–559. doi:10.1037/cdp0000026

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These questions focus on your cultural identity and your identity as [lesbian/gay/bisexual]. Please indicate the extent to which these statements describe you at this time.

1-----2-----3-----4-----5-----6-----7
Disagree Strongly Agree Strongly

1. _____ I have personally experienced cultural prejudice within the LGB community.
2. _____ I am angry at the way the LGB community treats members of my cultural group.
3. _____ I have found the LGB community to be embracing of my cultural identity.
4. _____ I have felt rejected by the LGB community because of my cultural identity.

Scoring Instructions (items followed by an “R” should be reverse scored):
Average of items 1, 2, 3R, 4