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Dear Ms. Handfinger,

I am extremely pleased that our article has been accepted for publication in Nursing Research. I have informed my co-authors about your request to post the original manuscript on Nursing Research Editor's Web site. They will contact you by email. As for me, I gladly give my permission for you to post the original manuscript.

To address your two questions, the answer is yes to question 1. Table 2 does contain the CES-D instrument, which was developed by the National Institute of Mental Health and is in the public domain. No copyright release or payment for use is needed. Your second question is about the meaning of "entirety." The online version of Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines "entirety" as "the state of being entire or complete." We use it in the context of checking for completeness of the questionnaire. You can replace entirety with "completeness" if so desire. I leave it to your editorial judgment.

We appreciate the reviewers' and your hard work for getting the manuscript up to publication's standards, as well as the quick turnaround time. Thank you again for accepting our manuscript. If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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