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RE: NRES-D-07-00256R1, titled "Development and Testing of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Mood Scale"

Dear Dr. Tappen,

I am pleased to inform you that your work has now been accepted for publication in Nursing Research. All manuscript materials will be forwarded to the production staff in the near future for placement in an upcoming issue. In the meantime, please make these requested revisions:

Some of the references should be updated. Under the Dementia Specific Measures section, the Sunderland et al., 1988 should be updated to more current references. Also, are there any recent published uses of the Dementia Mood Picture Test? Please include.

While the original references for instruments are expected, literature on their use should be current. For example, to cite Yesavage et al., 1983, to state that the GDS has been used extensively is too dated. More recent literature should be cited. Similar usage is found for the DMAS (Sunderland et al., 1988) and DMPT (Tappen and Barry, 1995), and statement cited to Cotrell and Schulz (1993) and Cohen (1991). Please use more current literature to support these passages.

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