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On the next page is a list of articles, studies, and papers that have reported on the use of the Childhood History Questionnaire (CHQ) or a modified version of the CHQ in a research study. In varying degrees, these reports provide data on the reliability and construct validity of the CHQ.

Please note that initially the CHQ was developed for one time use in a research project (Milner et al., 1990) and was designed to screen large groups of individuals for self-reported receipt and observation of childhood physically abusive behaviors, physical abuse injury, and sexual abuse before and after the age 13 as well as who the perpetrator was. The CHQ does not assess for childhood psychological abuse or child neglect. Although the CHQ items describe specific physically abusive behaviors, physical abuse injuries, and types of sexual abuse, individual interview procedures (e.g., see Finkelhor or Wyatt), compared to self-report screening measures, typically yield higher childhood abuse rates. Therefore, the relatively quick childhood history of physical and sexual abuse screen provided by the CHQ may or may not meet your research needs.

Although the CHQ rates of childhood abuse may not be as accurate (in terms of false negative classifications) as the rates obtained from individual interviews, the results of studies where the CHQ has been used are generally as expected. The advantage of the CHQ is that a large number of individuals can be screened in a group setting in very little time.

Since the CHQ is a self-report survey questionnaire, there is no single scoring procedure. The individual investigator determines the operational definition of the types of childhood events

that are sufficient to meet the research criterion for childhood abuse in any particular study.

A copy of the CHQ is available at <http://www.niu.edu/fvsa/products/index.shtml>

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