**WAST (Woman Abuse Screening Tool)**

1. In general, how would you describe your relationship?

ο A lot of tension

ο Some tension

ο No tension

2. Do you and your partner work out arguments with:

ο Great difficulty?

ο Some difficulty?

 ο No difficulty?

3. Do arguments ever result in you feeling down or bad about yourself?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

4. Do arguments ever result in hitting, kicking or pushing?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

5. Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

6. Has your partner ever abused you physically?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

 7. Has your partner ever abused you emotionally?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

8. Has your partner ever abused you sexually?

ο Often

ο Sometimes

ο Never

**Administration method:** Self report.

**Scoring procedures:** Recode responses to reflect a higher score for higher reported frequency of experiences and sum the WAST scores for individuals who answered all 8 items.

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