Pain Visual Numeric

We are interested in learning whether or not you are affected by PAIN. Please circle the number below that describes your pain in the past 2 weeks:

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<tr>
<th>0</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
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<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
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<th>7</th>
<th>8</th>
<th>9</th>
<th>10</th>
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<tr>
<td>No pain</td>
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<td>Severe pain</td>
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Scoring
The score is the number circled or histogram marked. Scores range from 0 to 10, with the higher score indicating more pain. If two consecutive numbers are circled, score the higher (more pain) number, if two non-consecutive numbers are circled, do not score.

Characteristics
Tested on 122 subjects.

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<th>No. of items</th>
<th>Observed Range</th>
<th>Mean</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
<th>Internal Consistency Reliability</th>
<th>Test-Retest Reliability</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>0-10</td>
<td>4.36</td>
<td>3.03</td>
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<td>NA</td>
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Source of Psychometric Data
Comments
This scale is a modified version of the visual analog scale. We found that this scale is easier for subjects to use, resulting in less missing and unclear responses. The scale above is that used for our Internet studies, with color and shading used. We have used these anchor phrases and a variation, "pain as bad as could be", for the right-hand anchor. We have used "Severe pain" or "Severe pain or discomfort" for some time, in order to keep phrases for pain, fatigue, and shortness of breath scales consistent. They psychometrics are based on "Severe pain or discomfort". The VNS was originally developed in Spanish.

References

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