

## **SCORING PROCEDURE**

### **INFANT BEHAVIOR QUESTIONNAIRE – REVISED – VERY SHORT FORM**

Scale scores for the Infant Behavior Questionnaire – Revised – Very Short Form represent the mean score of all scale items applicable to the child, as judged by the caregiver. Scales' scores are to be computed by the following method:

1. Sum all numerical item responses for a given scale. Note that:
  - a) If caregiver omitted an item, that item receives no numerical score;
  - b) If caregiver checked the "does not apply" response option for an item, that item receives no numerical score;
2. Divide the total by the number of items receiving a numerical response. Do not include items marked "does not apply (N/A)" or items receiving no response in determining the number of items.

For example, given a sum of 47 for a scale of 12 items, with one item receiving no response, two items marked "does not apply," and 9 items receiving a numerical response, the sum of 47 would be divided by 9 to yield a mean of 5.22 for the scale score.

Note: Most statistics programs will carry out these steps for you. Users of SPSS can copy the following commands into a syntax file to reverse items and calculate scale scores. The syntax assumes that items are titled "ibqrvsh1", "ibqrvsh2", "ibqrvsh3", etc. It is also assumed that no score was entered when caregivers omitted an item or checked "Does not apply".

COMPUTE ibqrvsh11r = (8-ibqrvsh11).

COMPUTE sur = mean (ibqrvsh1, ibqrvsh2, ibqrvsh7, ibqrvsh8, ibqrvsh13, ibqrvsh14, ibqrvsh15, ibqrvsh20, ibqrvsh21, ibqrvsh26, ibqrvsh27, ibqrvsh36, ibqrvsh37).  
COMPUTE neg = mean (ibqrvsh3, ibqrvsh4, ibqrvsh9, ibqrvsh10, ibqrvsh16, ibqrvsh17, ibqrvsh22, ibqrvsh23, ibqrvsh28, ibqrvsh29, ibqrvsh32, ibqrvsh33).  
COMPUTE eff = mean (ibqrvsh5, ibqrvsh6, ibqrvsh11r, ibqrvsh12, ibqrvsh18, ibqrvsh19, ibqrvsh24, ibqrvsh25, ibqrvsh30, ibqrvsh31, ibqrvsh34, ibqrvsh35).

EXECUTE .

**Infant Behavior Questionnaire – Revised – Very Short Form:  
Items by Scale**

## **I. Surgency**

1. When being dressed or undressed during the last week, how often did the baby squirm and/or try to roll away?
2. When tossed around playfully how often did the baby laugh?
7. How often during the week did your baby move quickly toward new objects?
8. When put into the bath water, how often did the baby laugh?
13. When placed on his/her back, how often did the baby squirm and/or turn body?
14. During a peekaboo game, how often did the baby laugh?
15. How often does the infant look up from playing when the telephone rings?
20. When visiting a new place, how often did your baby get excited about exploring new surroundings?
21. How often during the last week did the baby smile or laugh when given a toy?
26. When hair was washed, how often did the baby vocalize?
27. How often did your baby notice the sound of an airplane passing overhead?
36. How often did your baby make talking sounds when riding in a car?
37. When placed in an infant seat or car seat, how often did the baby squirm and turn body?

## **II. Negative Affect**

3. When tired, how often did your baby show distress?
4. When introduced to an unfamiliar adult, how often did the baby cling to a parent?
9. When it was time for bed or a nap and your baby did not want to go, how often did s/he whimper or sob?
10. After sleeping, how often did the baby cry if someone doesn't come within a few minutes?
16. How often did the baby seem angry (crying and fussing) when you left her/him in the crib?
17. How often during the last week did the baby startle at a sudden change in body position (e.g., when moved suddenly)?
22. At the end of an exciting day, how often did your baby become tearful?
23. How often during the last week did the baby protest being placed in a confining place (infant seat, play pen, car seat, etc.)?
28. When introduced to an unfamiliar adult, how often did the baby refuse to go to the unfamiliar person?
29. When you were busy with another activity, and your baby was not able to get your attention, how often did s/he cry?
32. When the baby wanted something, how often did s/he become upset when s/he could not get what s/he wanted?
33. When in the presence of several unfamiliar adults, how often did the baby cling to a parent?

## **III. Effortful Control**

5. How often during the last week did the baby enjoy being read to?

6. How often during the last week did the baby play with one toy or object for 5-10 minutes?
- 11R. In the last week, while being fed in your lap, how often did the baby seem eager to get away as soon as the feeding was over?
12. When singing or talking to your baby, how often did s/he soothe immediately?
18. How often during the last week did the baby enjoy hearing the sound of words, as in nursery rhymes?
19. How often during the last week did the baby look at pictures in books and/or magazines for 5 minutes or longer at a time?
24. When being held, in the last week, did your baby seem to enjoy him/herself?
25. When showing the baby something to look at, how often did s/he soothe immediately?
30. How often during the last week did the baby enjoy gentle rhythmic activities, such as rocking or swaying?
31. How often during the last week did the baby stare at a mobile, crib bumper or picture for 5 minutes or longer?
34. When rocked or hugged, in the last week, did your baby seem to enjoy him/herself?
35. When patting or gently rubbing some part of the baby's body, how often did s/he soothe immediately?