**Brief Acceptance of Harm Reduction Scales (BAHRS)**

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Questions are on a 5-point scale. 1 = Strongly Disagree, 2 = Disagree, 3 = Neither Agree nor Disagree, 4 = Somewhat Agree, 5 = Strongly Agree

**Instructions:** On a scale from 1 (Strongly Disagree) to 5 (Strongly Agree), please rate your level of agreement with the following statements

1. People who inject drugs should be able to do so in a way that prevents them from causing further harm to their health.
2. People should be able to use drugs safely.
3. People who inject drugs should be able to do so in a way that prevents them from causing further harm to their health.
4. People who use drugs should have access to tools to test what's in their drugs.
5. People who use drugs should have access to safe injection supplies (sterile needles and syringes).
6. Possession of all drugs should be decriminalized (possession would not lead to legal repercussions).
7. People who use drugs should have access to supervised places where they can consume drugs safely.
8. People who use drugs should have access to a legal, non-contaminated drug supply.
9. Possession of "drug paraphernalia", like syringes and pipes, should be legal.
10. Drug use has benefits.
11. Drugs make the world worse.\*
12. It is possible to live a healthy life without stopping drug use.
13. Using drugs is immoral.\*
14. People who use drugs should be forced into treatment.\*
15. People who use drugs benefit society.
16. People who use drugs will naturally end up homeless.\*

**Scoring:**

* Items 9, 11, 12, & 14 are reverse coded
* Harm Reduction Strategies Subscale: 1-8
* Harm Reduction Principles Subscale 9-15

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