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Title: Standard values and relationship specific validity of the Bielefeld Relationship Expectations Questionnaire (BFPE)

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Dear Editor,

Please find attached the corrected manuscript “Standard values and relationship specific validity of the Bielefeld Relationship Expectations Questionnaire (BFPE)” for a review process. This manuscript includes a clear advantage and an expansion to the published article of Hoeger, Stoebel-Richter & Braehler (2008). Both manuscripts include the reliabilities of the scales (Höger-Table 3 – Petrowski-Table1). Hoeger and colleagues, then, proceed with the attachment classification.

The difference and the advantage of the present manuscript is the scale based attachment approach: In order to address attachment questions with more precision, research designs on attachment, that make good use of the greater reliability and greater sensitivity to stability and change, use continuous variables (Fraley & Rholes, 1998). However, most of the classic attachment instruments use categorical attachment classifications. In the BFPE the attachment patterns are operationalized as defined patterns of behavior in attachment-relevant situations as in the classic attachment theory. Therefore, the clear advantage of the BFPE and our manuscript is the focus on the dimensional attachment patterns based on the classic behaviourally attachment theory. In our manuscript – as a clear expansion - the sensitivity, z-values, T-values and percentages of the scales are presented. In addition the external validity of the scales were analysed using constructs as relationship quality, social integration and life satisfaction.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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