

COMMENTS BACK FROM THE CONTROL FOUNDATION: ROUND TWO

Dear Jill, Thank you for your revisions. You did I a FANTASTIC job of wrestling with our comments. We have had three different reviewers look at it, and they were all extremely impressed with your responses, and the care and attention you have taken, especially your wrestling with the control issues. We find ourselves in a dilemma, however. Unfortunately, although we understand the patient and time burden in this study re: the SCI, we are still uncomfortable. as we wrote before, funding a study using only the first 37 items. As a general board policy, we feel this simply does not provide enough of the SCI scales to justify funding.

However, SINCE WE REALLY WANT TO FUND YOUR WORK, we have come up with two (we hope) creative suggestions. If either one appeals to you or could work, let us know, and you're in!!

OPTION ONE. this option assumes you haven't already begun the current project. We feel that if you added questions 88-136) (the four modes of control scales), which take just a few minutes to complete, you would then have 8 of the 9 SCI scales, and we could justify funding your current project.

All that will be missing is domain specific sense of control (38-62). Although this is really essential clinically, and we feel definitely should be in the next study, and would prefer it in this one, if time burden doesn't permit in this one study, we would understand. (Items 138-187 are interesting, but not essential).

So, that is option one.

Option two: if the study has already begun, or it is simply not possible to add a few more minutes of questions to it, here is option two: Because we are so impressed by your effort to date, that, if you continue with this pilot study as outlined (ie., the first 37 questions) we are willing to guarantee you funding for the next project you do in which you said you would be using the entire SCI, as you have outlined in your revisions.

Further, we are willing to make a funding exception in your case, and fund it not for our maximum, which is 1000, but for \$1500. This email is our guarantee of that funding, and all you have to do is let us know when you are ready for the next phase (further, feel free to let us know at anytime, you don't even have to do it during the regular twice yearly cycle).

Again, thanks for your fine work. We hope you understand our position, and know how much we value what you are doing. Please let us know your thinking as soon as possible. IF you would like to call to discuss further, please feel free to do so.

Sincerely, Dr A