Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI core) Version 2.1

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The CIDI core Version 2.1 (1998) covers all major diagnostic disorders. The substance abuse disorders covered are alcohol, tobacco, and nine categories of illicit drugs. Each module, including the alcohol module, serves the diagnostic criteria of DSM-IV and ICD-10. The standard version determines whether the alcohol disorders were ever present and whether they were present in the last year, the last 6 months, the last month, and the last 2 weeks. There is also a 12-month version that does not assess disorders prior to a year earlier. Both the standard and 12-month versions are available in hard copy and in computerized form. Accompanying the interview are data entry and cleaning programs and a scoring program written in SPSS. In addition to determining whether official criteria for Alcohol Dependence, Alcohol Abuse, Harmful Use, and Alcohol Withdrawal are met, the alcohol module dates the age of first use of alcohol and the age at first and last symptom. The CIDI has been translated into many languages.

TARGET POPULATION

☒ Adults
☐ Adolescents (over 16 years)

Groups for which this instrument might be especially helpful?
General populations, general medical patients, psychiatric patients

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Number of items: 20 major questions and 59 questions including all possible subquestions

Number of subscales: 3—alcohol dependence, alcohol abuse or harmful use, and alcohol withdrawal

Format(s): ☒ Pencil-and-paper self-administered
☒ Interview
☐ Observation
☒ Computer self-administered
☐ Other

*Each of these is available for both the standard version and the 12-month version.

Time required for administration: 15 minutes

Administered by: Lay interviewer or clinician

Training required for administration? ☒ yes ☐ no
### SCORING

- **Time required to score/interpret:** 20 minutes
- **Scored by:** Computer
- **Computerized scoring or interpretation available?** ☒ yes ☐ no
- **Norms available?** ☐ yes ☒ no
- **Instrument normed on subgroups?** ☐ yes ☒ no

### PSYCHOMETRICS

- **Have reliability studies been done?** ☒ yes ☐ no
- **What measure(s) of reliability was used?**
  - ☒ Test-retest
  - ☐ Split half
  - ☐ Internal consistency
- **Have validity studies been done?** ☒ yes ☐ no
- **What measures of validity have been derived?**
  - ☐ Content
  - ☒ Criterion (predictive, concurrent, “postdictive”)
  - ☐ Construct

### CLINICAL UTILITY OF INSTRUMENT

The CIDI produces scores for a positive diagnosis for alcohol dependence, alcohol abuse, and alcohol withdrawal. It also provides a count of total alcohol symptoms in the lifetime, clustering of symptoms in a single 12-month period, age at first problem related to alcohol, age at recovery, current drinking level, heaviest drinking level ever, impairment due to drinking, and comorbid mental disorders.

### RESEARCH APPLICABILITY

Originally created in English, the CIDI has been translated into many African, Asian, and European languages. Designed for epidemiological use.
Copyright: ☒ yes ☐ no Held by the World Health Organization (WHO)

Cost: None for computerized version downloaded from the WHO Web site (www.who.int), but you must attend a CIDI training session to obtain a scoring program. A 4-day training session at Washington University School of Medicine costs $1,100. For more information call 314-286-2267 or e-mail mccrarys@epi.wustl.edu.

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