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Enclosed you will find a manuscript entitled “Exploring the Multidimensional Structure of the WASI-II: Further Insights from Schmid-Leiman Higher-Order and Exploratory Bifactor Solutions” submitted to *Archives of Assessment Psychology* for evaluation. The manuscript includes 6 tables has been formatted to comport with the submission guidelines outlined on the journal webpage.

Since its publication, the WASI-II has yet to be subjected to any form of higher-order structural analysis despite implying a hierarchical structure in the technical manual. As a result, we believe that the present results will be instructive for informing clinical interpretation of the instrument as well as other brief multidimensional instruments. More importantly, we believe our manuscript provides a useful model for the comparison of PAF/Oblique and Schmid-Leiman EFA results with exploratory bifactor models. Although commonly utilized to appraise the structure of higher-order ability measures, these results illustrate well the problem of extrapolating second-order structure from a first-order correlated factors model as well as calls within the professional literature to utilize brief measures for purposed that they were not designed.

This manuscript has not been published elsewhere nor is it currently being considered by another publication. I wish to declare no conflicts of interest as it relates to the research and preparation of this manuscript on behalf of myself and my co-authors.

I thank you for your time and consideration of this manuscript, if you have additional questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

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