

MMPI Zero Items

Ok. Item 117 loads on the "subtle" component of D and is also what has been called a Zero item--i.e., it is scored for abnormality (on D) even though a majority of the normative group endorsed it as true. As such, it is very likely to be a "junk" item with respect to Scale D; the presence among subtle and zero items of many items that really don't contribute to scale variance (and which were never cross-correlated in the original sample) has long been suspected by MMPI experts. Keep in mind, though, that 117 is still not a truly useless item, since a *false* response to D loads on several scales: Hs, MAC-R, OH, and HEA (i.e., people who say they have vomited blood may be hypochondriacs, alcoholics, internalizers of hostility, or people with significant health concerns).

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My mistake - question 117 not 113, for those of you who know what I'm talking about.. John