SADL Scale: Items & Subscales

SCALE	ITEMS (*) = reversed item
Positive Effect	**1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10**
Service & Cost	**12, 14, 15**
Negative Features	**2*, 7*, 11**
Personal Image	**4*, 8, 13***

Instructions for Manual Scoring of the SADL

1)   Assign a value for each answer from the table below

Response	Not a Reversed Item	Reversed Item
A Not At All	1	7
B A Little	2	6
C Somewhat	3	5
D Medium	4	4
E Considerably	5	3
F Greatly	6	2
G Tremendously	7	1

2)   Calculate the average score for each subscale, e.g., if items for the Negative Features subscale have assigned scores of 6,4,and 3, the Negative Features subscale score is (6+4+3)/3 = 4.3

3)   If the patient did not pay for his/her hearing aid, then item 14 can be omitted. If item 14 is omitted, the Service and Cost subscale will consist of only two items. The score would be calculated as the mean score for items 12 and 15.

4)   On item 11 if the patient checked the box indicating hearing well on the telephone without hearing aids, omit this item from calculating the Negative Features subscale. The score would be the mean score for items 2 and 7.

5)   The Global Score is the mean of the scores for all items completed by the patient, excluding items 11 and 14 in the cases described above.