

## Interview Guide: Assessment of Compared Qualities—Social Interaction (ACQ-SI)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Intended purpose codes: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Social exchange 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Social exchange 2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Introduction:** *After I observe a person engage in a task that involves talking together and interacting with another person, I like to ask him/her what were his/her perceptions of his/her own social interaction.*

**Note.** When both social exchanges are discussed after the observation, ask when needed for clarification: ***Which activity/interaction were you thinking of?***

**Q-1:** ***When you think about when you were [social exchange], how do you think it went when you were talking together and interacting with [social partner]; how did it go?*** (Repeat, if needed, but otherwise, do ***not*** ask any further questions)

**Q-2:** ***Describe for me anything about [social exchange] that was hard/difficult for you when you were talking together and interacting with [social partner]. Alternative (if the person mentioned any specific examples when responding to Q-1): Describe for me any other parts of [social exchange] that were hard/difficult for you when you were talking together and interacting with [social partner].*** (Repeat, if needed. If some, but not all observed problems are mentioned, ask, ***“Is there anything else?”*** Otherwise, do ***not*** ask any further questions)

**Q-3:** ***When you were going to [social exchange], how did it go for you/how was it for you to get started and begin talking and interacting with [social partner]? Can you describe any difficulties?***

**Note.** During **Q-3** to **Q-10** – If the person responds affirmatively (e.g., “Yes, I had some problems”), but the answer is not clear, seek elaboration: ***Please be more specific; describe them in more detail.*** If the answer is not focused on “today’s” performance or the key action of the question clarify: ***Tell me more about how it went for you today; did you have any difficulties [key action]?*** If the person describes some, but not all problems, ask, ***“Is there anything else?”*** If the person indicates that there were no problems, continue to next question.

**Q-4: When you were [social exchange], did you have any problems/difficulties talking/speaking without pauses or hesitations and did you speak for appropriate lengths of time when you were interacting with [social partner]? Can you describe any difficulties?**

**Q-5: How was it for you to take your turn when you were [social exchange] and talking together and interacting with [social partner]? Did you have any difficulties?**

**Q-6: Once you had started talking together and interacting with [social partner] and you were [social exchange], how was it for you to keep the discussion/conversation going?**

**Q-7: When you were [social exchange] and you were talking together and interacting with [social partner], did you experience any problems with keeping the discussion focused and “on topic”? Did you do what we/you had decided beforehand?**

**Note.** When the observed social exchange was “small talk,” only ask the first question.

**Q-8: How was it for you to support [social partner] and keep him/her engaged/involved in your conversation when you were [social exchange] and you were talking together and interacting?**

**Q-9: How was it for you to talk together and interact with [social partner] in a “polite/thoughtful/considerate/respectful/nice way” when you were [social exchange]?**

**Q-10:** *When you were [social exchange] and talking together and interacting with [social partner], how was it for you when you were ending your discussion/interaction with [social partner]?*

**Q-11:** *When you think about when you were [social exchange] with [social partner], what would you say were your biggest problems/difficulties with talking together and interacting?*

**Note.** If the person's answer is not clear, seek elaboration: *Please be more specific; describe them in more detail.* If some, but not all observed problems are mentioned, ask, *"Is there anything else?"*

**Follow-Up:** Ask all three questions, giving the person a chance to answer each before proceeding.

a. *Based on what you have told me (and the problems you have described), did you do anything differently today to make it easier or better when you were [social exchange] talking together and interacting with [social partner]?*

b. *Did you do anything to prevent problems from occurring?*

c. *Did you use any special strategies to make it easier or better to interact socially?*

**Note.** If the person responds affirmatively (e.g., "Yes"), but elaboration is needed, ask: *Please describe what you did? What happened? What changed?*

**Termination:** *So, in thinking about what you have told me, and your descriptions how it went for you when you [social exchange], I would like you to summarize your thoughts and rate your overall performance when you talked together and interacted socially with [social partner]. Would you say that:*

/  *You did quite well and had no problems talking and interacting*

/  *You had only some relatively minor problems talking and interacting*

/  *You had some moderate problems talking and interacting*

/  *You had some major problems talking and interacting*

**Note.** Be sure to ask the person to rate each social exchange separately (exchange 1/exchange 2).