Description of De Jong Gierveld Loneliness Scale

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| Function | Sense of emptiness, social support, social isolation |
| Relevance | Friendship, social trust, social relatedness |
| Target | Services for Elders |
| Respondent | Elderly |
| Feature | 6 items in 3-point rating scale |
| Reliability | .760 |
| References | De Jong-Gierveld, J., & van Tilburg, T. G. (2006). A 6-item scale for overall, emotional, and social loneliness: Confirmatory tests on survey data. *Research on aging, 28*(5), 582-598.  Leung, G. T. Y., de Jong Gierveld, J., & Lam, L. C. W. (2008). Validation of the Chinese translation of the 6-item De Jong Gierveld Loneliness Scale in elderly Chinese. *International psychogeriatrics, 20*(6), 1262-1272. |

Scoring of De Jong Gierveld Loneliness Scale

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| Response | Yes | More or less | No |
| Score for Items 1-3 | 0 | 50 | 100 |
| Score for Items 4-6 (Reverse-coded) | 100 | 50 | 0 |

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| Scale score: average of item scores | Action |
| 70-100 | Great concern for decrease |
| 30-70 | Some concern for decrease |
| 0-30 | Appreciation |