INTRODUCTION

The FDA has published two versions of the CASA: the 2010 Columbia CASA (C-CASA) and a 2012 revision (FDA-CASA) (Table 1). Raters in this analysis were experts at administering the scales, having all been trained five experienced study raters.

Studies have examined the extent to which other scales, such as the InterQual Scale for Suicidal Thinking (IST-Plus) and the Sheehan Suicidality Tracking Scale (S-STS), map to both versions of CASA.6,7 Intra-Rater Reliability

The objectives of the current intra- and inter-rater reliability analysis of the C-CASA, the IST-Plus, and the S-STS are to address the following questions:

Does the same rater make the same ratings when the patient is interviewed by the same rater when watching the interview again at a later date (intra-rater reliability)?

• Does the same rater make the same ratings when he or she watches the same recorded interview on two separate occasions?

• Raters in this analysis were experts at administering the scales, having all been trained five experienced study raters.

• Can raters reliably assess infrequent or absent suicidal behaviors?

• The investigation provides an important component on which to build discussions of different potential methods assessed in CASA trials, and it enhances our understanding of how these tools behave in comparison with each other.

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• What are the strengths of the method?

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