To: Users of the DSM-IV ASRS Screening scale
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Re: DSM-5 scoring of the DSM-IV ASRS screening questions
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In February 2018, we posted a memo entitled '*ASRS-5_Guidelines_2-23-2018*' telling people how to use the risk slim method to score the DSM-IV ASRS screening items to generate a predicted probability of DSM-5 adult ADHD. There are two problems with that memo we would like to call to your attention.

First, it has recently been called to our attention that there was an error in that memo that reversed the scoring rules for two items. As a result, anyone who followed the instructions will get an incorrect answer.

Second, we came to discover even before learning of the above error, that the risk slim scoring method over-fits the data in scoring the DSM-IV screening scale questions to generate diagnoses, leading to a substantial over-estimate of prevalence. Based on this finding, we have more recently been recommending users to work with the original DSM-IV scoring rules if they have data collected with the DSM-IV items for the ASRS short-form. Because of this, we are not providing a fix for the first problem, as we no longer recommend using DSM-5 scoring of these items.