

APPENDIX: RATING SCALE OF ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND SPEECH IN QUIET AND IN NOISE

On a scale of 1 to 10, please answer the following two questions.

1. When listening to a conversation in quiet without your hearing aids, how difficult is it for you to understand what the speaker is saying?

On the scale of 1 to 10, 1 means no difficulty understanding and 10 means extreme difficulty.

2. When listening to a conversation in a noisy background without your hearing aids, how difficult is it for you to understand what the speaker is saying?

On the scale of 1 to 10, 1 means no difficulty understanding and 10 means extreme difficulty.

Note: In both questions, “without your hearing aids” is eliminated if the listener does not have hearing aids.