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To: [REDACTED] BC Human Rights Tribunal

Re: BCHRT Order [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Dr. Braxton Suffield informed me that one of my books had been cited in matters related to BCHRT Order CS-001271 and that his request for an order to restrict access to test materials had been characterized as dishonest and misleading to the Tribunal due to the test materials in question already being in the public domain. An earlier edition of one of my books, namely Strauss, Sherman, and Spreen (2006), *A Compendium of Neuropsychological Tests (2nd Ed.)*, was cited as an example of a classic neuropsychology text that includes items from commonly used neuropsychological tests.

I would like to clarify some of the statements which referenced my book as an example.

The book in question is a 2006 edition and thus almost 20 years old. For the current edition, Sherman, Tan, and Hrabok (2022), *A Compendium of Neuropsychological Tests (3rd Ed.)*, my co-authors and I made the decision to remove almost all original test items including those for tests that appeared in the prior edition. This decision was not made lightly. Although this made it more difficult for some readers such as those in developing countries to access test materials, the decision to omit test items follows current practices in Neuropsychology which is that test items should not be published in sources available to the general public.

I hope this serves to clarify some misinformation about my book and more generally about the need to protect test items from release to the general public.

Sincerely,



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Sherman, E.M.S., Tan, J.E., & Hrabok, M. (2022). *A compendium of neuropsychological tests (4th ed.)*. New York: Oxford University Press.
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