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Supplement Material for

Web-Based and Mixed-Mode Cognitive Large-Scale Assessments:

An Evaluation of Selection Bias, Measurement Bias, and Prediction Bias

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Predictors of Nonresponse

We acknowledged 28 variables as potential predictors of nonresponse (see Table S1). As sociodemographic variables we considered students' year of birth (0 = "before 1989", 1 ="in 1989 or 1990", 2 = "after 1990"), gender (0 = "male", 1 = "female"), country of birth (0 = "not Germany", 1 = "Germany"), mother tongue (0 = "non-German", 1 = "German"), whether children lived in the household (0 = "no", 1 = "yes"), the number of years in education of their mothers and fathers, and their household size at the time of the testing (0 = "one person"), 1 = "two persons", 2 = "three or more persons"). These or similar variables have been previously found to explain wave-specific participation propensities in the NEPS (Zinn, Steinhauer, & Aßmann 2017). Therefore, we considered them suitable candidates for modespecific nonresponse predictors. The same applies to the following study-specific variables: does a student has a traditional university admission certificate (0 = "no, a non-traditional") German one", 1 = "yes, a traditional German one", 2 = "yes, a non-German one"), is the student's study field teacher education (0 = "no", 1 = "yes"), or natural sciences (0 = "no", 1 = "yes"), where does he /she study (0 = "Western Germany", 1 = "Eastern Germany"), is the student's university a public or private one (0 = "private", 1 = "public"), and is the university one of applied sciences or a general one or of some other kind (1 = "general university", 1 = "university of applied sciences", 2 = "of some other kind"). Besides, we took into account factors for academic success. We considered students' competence scores in mathematics obtained in the first wave of the NEPS (see Gerken & Schnittjer, 2017), their subjective probability of successful graduation in that year (on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 = "very unlikely" and 5 = "very likely"), and whether they enjoyed studying (on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 = "does not apply at all" and 5 = "is absolutely true"). Furthermore, our nonresponse model contained students' average grades in their study programs after their first year, i.e.

¹ The German notions for the traditional university admission certificates are *Abitur* or *Fachabitur*.

after their 2^{nd} semester. In addition, we included in our nonresponse models measures of the students' Big Five personality traits, that is, extraversion, agreeableness, conscientiousness, neuroticism, and openness (Rammstedt & John, 2007) and their self-esteem (Rosenberg, 1965). To map the general willingness of the students to participate in surveys we used information concerning their participation in previous NEPS waves. We used as predictors dummy variables indicating their participation in the paper-based competence tests at wave 1 in 2011 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes"), in the web-based interviews at the waves 2 and 4 in 2011 and 2012 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes"), and in the telephone interview at wave 3 in 2012 (0 = "no", 1 = "yes").

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Table S1.

Summary Statistics of Predictors of Self-Selection and Nonresponse by Mode.

	Variable	Reference category		PBA			СВА		,	WBA		WI	BA-swite	eh
_			М	SD	MI	M	SD	MI	M	SD	MI	M	SD	MI
	Gender	male	0.42		0.00	0.33		0.00	0.41		0.00	0.40		0.00
	female		0.58		0.00	0.67		0.00	0.59		0.00	0.60		0.00
	Country of birth	not Germ.	0.06		0.00	0.05		0.00	0.07		0.00	0.06		0.00
	Germany		0.94		0.00	0.95		0.00	0.93		0.00	0.94		0.00
cs	Mother tongue	non-Germ.	0.08		0.00	0.06		0.00	0.09		0.01	0.08		0.01
phi	German		0.92		0.00	0.94		0.00	0.91		0.01	0.92		0.01
Socio-demographics	Children	no	0.97		48.09	0.98		46.16	0.94		47.01	0.96		49.10
gou	yes		0.03		48.09	0.02		46.16	0.06		47.01	0.04		49.10
den	Household size	one person	0.46		26.75	0.44		24.25	0.48		29.11	0.48		31.36
.0	two persons		0.20		26.75	0.19		24.25	0.20		29.11	0.18		31.36
[20]	three + persons		0.34		26.75	0.37		24.25	0.32		29.11	0.34		31.36
∞	Birth year	before 1989	0.23		0.00	0.21		0.00	0.28		0.00	0.23		0.00
	1989/1990		0.52		0.00	0.53		0.00	0.48		0.00	0.52		0.00
	after 1990		0.25		0.00	0.26		0.00	0.24		0.00	0.25		0.00
	Years in education of mother		14.12	2.37	2.42	14.23	2.43	1.60	14.13	2.42	2.68	14.11	2.40	2.41
	Years in education of father		14.61	2.37	3.78	14.77	2.55	2.54	14.50	2.55	3.74	14.63	2.54	3.73
	Extraversion		3,72	0.83	26.33	3.77	0.81	23.78	3.71	0.85	25.42	3.74	0.82	29.42
lity	Agreeableness		3.57	0.55	26.29	3.66	0.55	23.72	3.58	0.56	25.39	3.60	0.55	29.38
Personality	Conscientiousness		3.77	0.76	26.25	3.83	0.75	23.72	3.78	0.76	25.38	3.77	0.76	29.37
rsc	Neuroticism		2.71	0.82	26.27	2.71	0.80	23.72	2.70	0.80	25.37	2.70	0.82	29.38
Pe	Openness		3.59	0.90	26.25	3.66	0.90	23.72	3.60	0.91	25.38	3.62	0.90	26.37
-	Self-esteem		42.06	4.65	26.64	42.37	4.59	24.22	42.17	4.58	25.91	42.12	4.65	29.85
cs	Region of Germany	West.	0.76		0.04	0.95		0.03	0.74		0.01	0.84		0.04
nt isti	East		0.24		0.04	0.05		0.00	0.26		0.01	0.16		0.04
der	Study of natural sciences	no	0.78		0.34	0.77		0.38	0.78		0.33	0.78		0.35
Student characteristics	yes		0.22		0.34	0.23		0.38	0.22		0.33	0.22		0.35
, ha	Study of teacher education	no	0.71		0.24	0.56		0.23	0.69		0.24	0.68		0.25
3	Yes		0.29		0.24	0.44		0.23	0.31		0.24	0.32		0.25

	Variable Reference category			PBA	CBA			WBA			WBA-switch			
	Public university	no	0.02		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.04		0.01	0.01		0.00
	Yes		0.98		0.00	1.00		0.00	0.96		0.01	0.99		0.00
	Institution type	general	0.73		0.00	0.76		0.00	0.71		0.10	0.71		0.00
	Applied sciences		0.24		0.00	0.24		0.00	0.23		0.10	0.27		0.00
	other		0.03		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.06		0.10	0.02		0.00
	University admission certificate	non-traditional	0.29		26.72	0.25		24.13	0.32		29.04	0.33		31.29
	traditional		0.70		26.72	0.74		24.13	0.67		29.04	0.66		31.29
	non-German		0.01		26.72	0.01		24.13	0.01		29.04	0.01		31.29
	Average grade in 2 nd semester		2.30	0.59	49.25	2.21	0.59	49.61	2.26	0.62	53.21	2.29	0.59	53.16
	Mathematical competence		-0.05	1.23	63.97	0.13	1.21	62.43	-0.04	1.22	69.25	-0.04	1.20	71.46
	Enjoy studying		4.32	0.79	0.15	4.30		0.26	4.27	0.83	0.46	4.29	0.82	0.22
	Probability of graduation		4.36	0.66	0.20	4.44		0.29	4.36	0.67	0.48	4.38	0.65	0.28
	PBA W1 ^(a)	no	0.64		0.00	0.72		0.00	0.69		0.00	0.71		0.00
in 'es	yes		0.36		0.00	0.38		0.00	0.31		0.00	0.29		0.00
	CAWI W2 ^(b)	no	0.31		0.00	0.39		0.00	0.31		0.00	0.35		0.00
ati S v	yes		0.69		0.00	0.71		0.00	0.69		0.00	0.65		0.00
ci iou	CATI W3 ^(c)	no	0.26		0.00	0.34		0.00	0.25		0.00	0.29		0.00
Participation previous wav	yes		0.74		0.00	0.76		0.00	0.75		0.00	0.71		0.00
	CAWI W4 ^(d)	no	0.37		0.00	0.34		0.00	0.37		0.00	0.41		0.00
	yes		0.63		0.00	0.66		0.00	0.63		0.00	0.59		0.00
Sample	size			5,371			3,431			8,671			6,804	

Note. PBA = standardized and supervised paper-based assessment, CBA = standardized and supervised computer-based assessment, WBA = unstandardized and unsupervised web-based assessment with random assignment, WBA-switch = unstandardized and unsupervised web-based assessment with non-random assignment (for PBA / CBA nonresponders), M = mean for continuous variables and the proportion for categorical variables, SD = standard deviation for continuous variables, MI = percentage of missing values. (a) PBA W1: paper-based assessment in wave 1. (b) CAWI W2: web-based interview in wave 2. (c) CATI W3: telephone interview in wave 3. (d) CAWI W4: web-based interview in wave 4.

Table S2.

Logit Regression for Self-Selection by Assessment Mode

Predictor	Coding	Mod e	В	95% CI
Main effects for assessm (dummy-coded with WB		ory)		
	y O	PBA	-3.10*	(-5.16, -1.04)
		CBA	-0.97	(-3.45, 1.51)
Interactions for selection	n variable and assess			
Gender	0 = male	PBA	-0.17	(-0.54, 0.20)
Gender	1 = female	CBA	-0.17	(-0.53, 0.18)
Country of birth	0 = other	PBA	-0.16	(-0.67, 0.36)
country of circu	1 = Germany	CBA	-0.18	(-0.89, 0.54)
Mother tongue	0 = other	PBA	0.02	(-0.42, 0.45)
	1 = German	CBA	0.06	(-0.56, 0.68)
Children in	0 = no	PBA	-0.29	(-0.94, 0.36)
household Household size Year of birth	1 = yes	CBA	-0.38	(-1.36, 0.61)
ਰੀ Household size	0 = 1 person	PBA	-0.47	(-1.08, 0.15)
ıgc	1 = 2 persons	CBA	-0.47	(-1.27, 0.33)
smc	0 = 1 person	PBA	-0.36	(-0.97, 0.24)
9 0	1 = 3 + persons	CBA	-0.23	(-1.02, 0.56)
Year of birth	0 = before 1989	PBA	-0.16	(-0.38, 0.05)
Š	1 = 1989 or 1990	CBA	0.04	(-0.22, 0.30)
	0 = before 1989	PBA	0.08	(-0.19, 0.34)
	1 = after 1990	CBA	-0.19	(-0.48, 0.11)
Years of education of	of	PBA	0.02	(-0.02, 0.06)
mother		CBA	0.04	(-0.01, 0.09)
Years of education of	of	PBA	0.04	(0.00, 0.07)
father		CBA	-0.02	(-0.07, 0.02)
Entropologica		PBA	0.04	(-0.15, 0.23)
Extraversion		CBA	0.09	(-0.09, 0.27)
A amaaahlanaga		PBA	0.02	(-0.14, 0.19)
Agreeableness		CBA	0.03	(-0.17, 0.24)
Conscientiousness		PBA	0.15	(-0.01, 0.31)
Conscientiousness Neuroticism		CBA	-0.01	(-0.18, 0.16)
S Neuroticism		PBA	0.08	(-0.07, 0.24)
D Neuroneism		CBA	0.07	(-0.11, 0.24)
Opannagg		PBA	0.06	(-0.06, 0.18)
Openness		CBA	-0.04	(-0.17, 0.09)
Self-esteem		PBA	0.00	(-0.03, 0.03)
		CBA	-0.01	(-0.04, 0.03)
Region of Germany	0 = West 1 = East	PBA	0.06	(-0.16, 0.29)
→		CBA	0.11	(-0.39, 0.62)
Field of study	0 = other	PBA	-0.23	(-0.54, 0.08)
tuc	1 = Sciences	CBA	-0.06	(-0.42, 0.31)
∞	0 = other	PBA	0.24	(-0.03, 0.50)
	1 = Teaching	CBA	-0.06	(-0.36, 0.24)
University type	C	PBA	0.01	(-0.30, 0.31)

	0 = General 1 = Applied sciences	CBA	-0.79*	(-1.19, -0.39)
	0 = General	PBA	0.13	(-0.61, 0.86)
	1 = other	CBA	0.06	(-2.45, 2.26)
University	0 = non-	PBA	1.00*	(0.24, 1.72)
admissioncertificate	traditional			
	(German)			
	1 = traditional			
	German			
		CBA	-0.10	(-1.14, 0.93)
	0 = non-	PBA	0.87	(-0.21, 1.96)
	traditional	CBA	0.06	(-1.51, 1.62)
	(German)			
	1 = non-			
	German			
Average grade in		PBA	-0.11	(-0.33, 0.12)
2 nd semester		CBA	-0.17	(-0.33, 0.12)
Mathematical		PBA	-0.05	(-0.57, 0.46)
competence		CBA	-0.04	(-0.49, 0.41)
Enjoy studying		PBA	0.04	(-0.07, 0.15)
		CBA	-0.04	(-0.19, 0.10)
Subjective		PBA	-0.11	(-0.26, 0.04)
probability		CBA	0.01	(-0.19, 0.20)
of graduation				
Sample Size		17,4	173	
Pseudo- $R^2/\Delta R^{2 \text{ (a)}}$.25 /	.01	

Note. Dependent variable is participation (coded as 1 = participated and 0 = refused). Mode = Dummy-coded with WBA as reference category. B = Regression weight for main effect of assessment mode or interaction effects for assessment mode with selection variables. Main effects for selection variables are not presented. $R^2 / \Delta R^2 = \text{Explained}$ variance / incremental variance explained by moderating effects.

^(a) Across all imputed data sets the Nagelkerke R^2 values were nearly identical. Thus, the mean R^2 is given.

^{*} *p* < .05

Table S3.

Logit Regressions for Nonresponse Analyses for Students Participating in the Mode-Specific Assessments.

	Variable	Reference category	PBA		СВА		WBA		WBA-switch	
			В	95% CI	В	95% CI	В	95% CI	В	95% CI
	Gender	Male								_
	female		0.09	(-0.19, 0.37)	0.12	(-0.18, 0.42)	0.22*	(0.09, 0.35)	0.29*	(0.14, 0.45)
	Country of birth	not Germany								
	Germany		0.04	(-0.42, 0.50)	-0.10	(-0.78, 0.59)	0.06	(-0.23, 0.34)	0.02	(-0.36, 0.41)
S	Mother tongue	non-German								
Socio-demographics	German		0.09	(-0.36, 0.55)	0.21	(-0.45, 0.87)	0.07	(-0.17, 0.31)	0.35	(-0.01, 0.70)
rap	Children in household	no								
30g	yes		-0.68*	(-1.24, -0.12)	-0.53	(-2.12, 1.06)	-0.46*	(-0.75, -0.18)	-0.10	(-0.52, 0.32)
len	Household size	one person								
0-0	two persons		-0.72	(-1.56, 0.11)	-0.63	(-1.98, 0.73)	-0.29	(-0.81, 0.23)	-0.03	(-0.43, 0.33)
oci	three + persons		-0.83	(-1.67, 0.02)	-0.59	(-1.94, 0.76)	-0.52*	(-1.01, -0.03)	-0.29	(-0.63, 0.05)
Š	Year of birth	before 1989								
	1989/1990		-0.03	(-0.22, 0.15)	0.15	(-0.09, 0.39)	0.11	(-0.01, 0.24)	0.07	(-0.08, 0.21)
	after 1990		0.16	(-0.06, 0.38)	-0.13	(-0.41, 0.14)	0.05	(-0.09, 0.19)	0.01	(-0.15, 0.17)
	Years of education of mother		0.02	(-0.01, 0.05)	0.04	(-0.01, 0.08)	-0.01	(-0.03, 0.01)	0.01	(-0.02, 0.04)
	Years of education of father		0.03	(-0.01, 0.06)	-0.04	(-0.08, 0.01)	-0.01	(-0.03, 0.02)	-0.02	(-0.04, 0.01)

Table S3. (continued)

Variable	Reference category	PBA			CBA	WBA		WBA-switch	
		В	95% CI	В	95% CI	В	95% CI	В	95% CI
Extraversion		-0.10	(-0.24, 0.04)	-0.03	(-0.18, 0.12)	-0.14*	(-0.21, -0.06)	-0.12*	(-0.21, -0.03)
.≧ Agreeableness		0.01	(-0.14, 0.15)	0.02	(-0.17, 0.21)	-0.02	(-0.13, 0.09)	-0.08	(-0.20, 0.05)
Agreeableness Conscientiousness Neuroticism		0.16*	(0.03, 0.29)	0.01	(-0.15, 0.17)	-0.02	(-0.10, 0.06)	0.05	(-0.06, 0.16)
S Neuroticism		-0.02	(-0.12, 0.09)	-0.04	(-0.20, 0.12)	-0.05	(-0.12, 0.02)	0.00	(-0.09, 0.08)
Openness		-0.02	(-0.12, 0.09)	-0.11	(-0.24, 0.01)	-0.09*	(-0.16, -0.02)	-0.07	(-0.15, 0.01)
Self-esteem		0.02*	(-0.01, 0.05)	0.01	(-0.02, 0.04)	0.02*	(0.00, 0.04)	0.00	(-0.02, 0.01)
Region of Germany	West								
East		0.03	(-0.15, 0.21)	0.00	(-0.47, 0.47)	0.00	(-0.12, 0.11)	0.36*	(0.20, 0.52)
Study of natural sciences	no								
yes		-0.19*	(-0.43, -0.05)	-0.06	(-0.39, 0.27)	0.09	(-0.04, 0.22)	-0.39*	(-0.55, -0.23)
Study of teacher education	no								
. <u>క</u> yes		0.41*	(0.20, 0.63)	0.08	(-0.17, 0.34)	0.16*	(0.04, 0.29)	-0.11	(-0.26, 0.04)
. Public institution	no								
p yes		0.82*	(0.11, 1.53)	^(f)		0.19	(-0.07, 0.46)	-0.03	(-0.52, 0.47)
yes Public institution yes Institution type Applied science	general								
ਤੋਂ Applied science		-0.06	(-0.33, 0.21)	-0.96*	(-1.33, -0.58)	-0.19*	(-0.33, -0.05)	0.27*	(0.11, 0.43)
🛱 other		0.22	(-0.36, 0.80)	0.62	(-1.92, 3.15)	0.07	(-0.15, 0.29)	0.75*	(0.30, 1.19)
tother University admission certificate traditional	non-traditional								
${f z}$ traditional		1.19*	(0.44, 1.93)	0.10	(-0.93, 1.13)	0.21	(-0.07, 0.49)	0.50*	(0.07, 0.93)
non-German		0.54	(-0.46, 1.53)	-0.23	(-1.72, 1.26)	-0.33	(-0.85, 0.19)	-0.21	(-1.00, 0.58)
Average grade on 2 nd semester		-0.10	(-0.28, 0.07)	-0.15	(-0.40, 0.10)	0.01	(-0.11, 0.13)	0.02	(-0.10, 0.15)
Mathematical competence		0.01	(-0.36, 0.38)	0.04	(-0.34, 0.43)	0.04	(-0.06, 0.13)	-0.02	(-0.11, 0.07)
Enjoy studying		0.05	(-0.05, 0.15)	-0.06	(-0.20, 0.07)	0.03	(-0.03, 0.09)	-0.02	(-0.09, 0.06)
Probability of graduation		-0.03	(-0.15, 0.10)	0.11	(-0.07, 0.28)	0.07	(-0.01, 0.15)	0.13*	(0.03, 0.22)

Table S3. (continued)

	Variable	Reference category	PBA			СВА	1	WBA	WBA-switch		
			В	95% CI	В	95% CI	\boldsymbol{B}	95% CI	В	95% CI	
	PBA W1 ^(a)	no									
Participation in previous waves	yes		1.29*	(0.74, 1.85)	1.05*	(0.33, 1.77)	0.55*	(0.37, 0.74)	0.26*	(0.06, 0.46)	
	CAWI W2 ^(b)	no									
	yes		0.29*	(0.11, 0.48)	0.26*	(-0.01, 0.53)	0.71*	(0.59, 0.82)	0.62*	(0.47, 0.77)	
Participa previous	CATI W3 ^(c)	no									
arti rev	yes		0.72*	(0.21, 1.22)	0.69*	(0.21, 1.18)	0.74*	(0.26, 1.21)	0.60*	(0.23, 0.97)	
P	CAWI W4 ^(d)	no									
	yes		0.81*	(0.63, 0.99)	0.91*	(0.64, 1.19)	1.39*	(1.29, 1.50)	1.05*	(0.91, 1.19)	
	Previous mode	CBA									
	PBA								0.18*	(0.05, 0.31)	
Sample				5,371		3,431		8,671		6,804	
Pseudo-R ² (Nagelkerke) ^(e)			0.27		0.22		0.31			0.18	

Note. Dependent variable is response (coded as 1 = response and 0 = nonresponse). (a) PBA W1: paper-based assessment in wave 1. (b) CAWI W2: web-based interview in Wave 2. (c) CATI W3: telephone interview in wave 3. (d) CAWI W4: web-based interview in wave 4. (e) Over all imputed data sets the pseudo \mathbb{R}^2 values are nearly identical. Thus, here the mean value of the pseudo \mathbb{R}^2 values derived using the single imputed data sets is reported. (f) For administrative reasons, CBA was not administered at private universities. * p < .05

Table S4.

Linear Regressions Evaluating Prediction Bias for Full Sample.

	Criterion:	Grade point		A	cademic	Stu	ıdy-related	Intention to		
	Criterion.		average	ige self-concept			lplessness	quit		
	Predictor	<i>B</i> 95% CI		<i>B</i> 95% CI		<i>B</i> 95% CI		B	95% CI	
	Intercept	0.09	(0.00, 0.30)	-0.13*	(-0.21, -0.06)	0.10*	(0.01, 0.28)	0.05	(-0.03, 0.13)	
	Main effect of science									
1.	Scientific literacy	-0.08	(-0.14, 0.01)	0.21*	(0.14, 0.27)	0.06*	(-0.34, -0.09)	-0.08*	(-0.16, -0.01)	
	Main effects of mode									
2.	CBA	-0.12	(-0.30, 0.06)	0.17*	(0.05, 0.29)	-0.12	(-0.26, 0.02)	0.01	(-0.13, 0.16)	
3.	WBA	-0.01	(-0.11, 0.09)	0.12*	(0.03, 0.22)	-0.07	(-0.16, 0.01)	-0.01	(-0.11, 0.08)	
4.	WBA-switch	-0.02	(-0.12, 0.09)	0.11*	(0.01, 0.20)	-0.07	(-0.16, 0.02)	0.06	(-0.03, 0.15)	
	Moderating effects									
5.	1. x 2.	-0.01	(-0.15, 0.14)	-0.04	(-0.15, 0.07)	-0.07	(-0.19, 0.06)	-0.04	(-0.17, 0.08)	
6.	1. x 3.	0.00	(-0.08, 0.08)	-0.10*	(-0.18, -0.02)	-0.02	(-0.10, 0.06)	-0.02	(-0.10, 0.07)	
7.	1. x 4.	0.00	(-0.08, 0.09)	-0.09	(-0.18, 0.00)	0.01	(-0.10, 0.12)	0.01	(-0.09, 0.11)	
	Covariates									
8.	Sex	-0.33*	(-0.40, -0.26)	0.05	(-0.02, 0.11)	-0.02	(-0.08, 0.05)	-0.06	(-0.13, 0.01)	
9.	Teacher education	-0.09*	(-0.17, -0.01)	0.02	(-0.06, 0.09)	0.01	(-0.07, 0.08)	0.00	(-0.07, 0.07)	
	$R^2 / \Delta R^2$		03 / .00		.02 / .00		.01 / .00	.01 / .00		
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Note. N = 8,442. Linear regression of outcomes on science literacy, assessment mode (dummy-coded with PBA as reference), respective interactions, and covariates. Sex (-0.5 = male, 0.5 = female) and teacher education (0.5 = other study, -0.5 = teacher education) were effect-coded. Outcomes and scientific literacy were *z*-standardized. $R^2 / \Delta R^2$ = Explained variance / incremental variance explained by moderating effects. PBA = standardized and supervised paper-based assessment, CBA = standardized and supervised computer-based assessment, WBA = unstandardized and unsupervised web-based assessment with random assignment, WBA-switch = unstandardized and unsupervised web-based assessment (for PBA / CBA nonresponders).

^{*} p < .05