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Dear Dr. Pentaris,

On behalf of my co-authors, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit an original research note titled, "The Development of a Culturally Responsive Scale to Measure Abuse by In-laws Among South Asian Immigrants: Considerations and Implications" for consideration in the *Greenwich Social Work Review*. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this research note, we report the development of a new scale called SMILE (Scale to Measure In-Laws Exploitation & abuse). To our knowledge, this culturally responsive instrument is the first one to examine the perceptions of in-laws abuse among the South Asian community as well as immigrants at-large. We discuss the implications of our work as it relates to social work practice, research and policy globally. We trust that you find our work valuable and suitable for publication in your journal. We have blinded all author citations for the peer review process.

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