The Alcohol Craving Questionnaire–Short Form–Revised\(^1\) (ACQ-SF-R) is a 12-item self-report scale that contains items from the 47-item Alcohol Craving Questionnaire (ACQ-Now). The ACQ-SF-R produces scores for compulsivity, expectancy, purposefulness, and emotionality. The scale appears on the following page. Excerpts from the manual\(^2\) appear below.

### ALCOHOL CRAVING QUESTIONNAIRE–SHORT FORM–REVISED (ACQ-SF-R)

*(excerpted and including text modifications)*

**SCORING KEY**

**CONTENT VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY:** The Alcohol Craving Questionnaire–Short Form–Revised (ACQ-SF-R) contains 12 items from the 47-item Alcohol Craving Questionnaire (ACQ-Now) (Singleton, 1997) developed to assess craving for alcohol among alcohol users in the current context (right now). Items were derived from the initial validation study (Singleton et al, 1995) of the ACQ-Now administered to 219 subjects who had used alcohol at least once in the last 30 days. The ACQ-SF-R contains 12 items strongly correlated with the four subscales and total ACQ-Now (Singleton, 1999; Tiffany et al, 2000).

Factor naming is consistent with the ACQ-Now (Drobes et al, 1999; Potgeiter et al, 1999; Singleton et al, 1998). The following item sets provide subscales that approximate each factor. Each item has seven compartments that are checked-off and are scored from 1 to 7 to yield an item raw score. Reverse-keyed items (marked below with an *) are scored as (8 minus the checked-off score). To calculate the general craving index, sum the raw scores of all items (total ACQ-SF-R score) and divide by 12. To calculate factor-based scores, sum the raw scores for each factor and divide by 3. The item numbers for each factor are listed immediately below.

**FACTOR 1**

*Compulsivity (COMP), urges and desires in anticipation of loss of control over drinking – 3 ITEMS*

ITEM NUMBER (Factor loading): 4 (.46), 5 (.63), 6 (.51)  
RELIABILITY*: .79

**FACTOR 2**

*Expectancy (XPCT), urges and desires to drink in anticipation of the positive benefits of drinking – 3 ITEMS*

ITEM NUMBER (Factor loading): 1 (.44), 2 (.37), 12 (.43)  
RELIABILITY: .77

**FACTOR 3**

*Purposefulness (PURP), urges and desires coupled with intent and planning to drink – 3 ITEMS*

ITEM NUMBER (Factor loading): 3* (.57), 8* (.68), 11* (.68)  
RELIABILITY: .77

**FACTOR 4**

*Emotionality (EMOT), urges and desires to drink in anticipation of relief from withdrawal/negative affect – 3 ITEMS*

ITEM NUMBER (Factor loading): 7 (.41), 9 (.47), 10 (.45)  
RELIABILITY: .86

*Reliability value is estimated standardized alpha coefficient.

**FACTOR MEANS AND DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS (ACQ-SF-R)**

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**REFERENCES**


(see next page for a copy of the ACQ-SF-R)
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by placing a single checkmark (like this: X) along each line between STRONGLY DISAGREE and STRONGLY AGREE. The closer you place your checkmark to one end or the other indicates the strength of your disagreement or agreement. We are interested in how you are thinking or feeling right now as you are filling out this questionnaire. Please complete every item.

RIGHT NOW

1. If I had some alcohol, I would probably drink it.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

2. I miss drinking.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

3. I am not making any plans to drink.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

4. I could not stop myself from drinking if I had some alcohol here.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

5. I want to drink so bad I can almost taste it.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

6. I would feel less irritable if I used alcohol now.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

7. If I used alcohol, I would feel less tense.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

8. Drinking would not be very satisfying.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

9. I would feel less restless if I drank alcohol.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

10. If I were using alcohol, I would feel less nervous.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

11. It would be easy to pass up the chance to use alcohol.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

12. Drinking would put me in a better mood.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE___:___:___:___:___:___:___STRONGLY AGREE

See ACQ-SF-R reference citation (Singleton EG, Tiffany ST, & Henningfield JE, 2003) on previous page.