

Supplementary Material

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Supplementary Table 1. Items in the original 18-items PRIM Combat Stress Exposure Scale

During the deployment, did you experience...:

- 1. Getting wounded or were you injured during the mission?
- 2. Seeing any of your fellow soldiers get wounded, injured or die?
- 3. Ever being held captive or held back by the enemy against your will?
- 4. Any of your fellow soldiers being held captive or held back by the enemy against their will?
- 5. Being threatened with a weapon?*§
- 6. Being shot at?*§
- 7. Firing your weapon?
- 8. The camp being under enemy fire?
- 9. Being in areas with roadside bombs or mines?*§
- 10. Passing areas with combat activities?*§
- 11. Receiving threats from the involved?
- 12. Aggressive behavior from the locals?*§
- 13. Witnessing distress among the locals?*^
- 14. Seeing dead people?*^
- 15. Seeing wounded people?*^
- 16. Being witness to assaults on civilians?*^
- 17. The involved preventing you from carrying out your mission?
- 18. Insufficient reinforcement or relief of your unit?*§

Note. The Scale is originally in Danish and has been translated by the authors who made the validation study of the scale¹

* Included in Danger-Injury Scale. ^ Included in Witnessing Consequences of War subscale (witnessing consequences of war) § Included in the Exposure to Danger and Combat subscale (combat exposure). All items had four response categories (1=never, 2=seldom, 3=fairly often, 4=almost daily).

¹ Karstoft K-I, Nielsen T, Nielsen ABS. Perceived danger during deployment: a Rasch validation of an instrument assessing perceived combat exposure and the witnessing of combat consequences in a war zone. *Eur J Psychotraumatol*. 2018;9(1):1487224.

Supplementary Table 2. Items in social support scale

During the deployment, did you experience...:

- 1) In your group you showed interest in each other during deployment?
- 2) In your group you talked about unpleasant events experienced during deployment?
- 3) You were supported and encouraged by your closest superior during deployment?

When you think of the first period of time after homecoming, did you experience...:

4) You experienced substantial support from family/friends after homecoming

Have you during the time from homecoming and until today, experienced the following...:

5) You could share your worries and problems with family and friends after homecoming

Note. The Scale is originally in Danish and has been translated by the authors. All items had four response categories (1=completely correct, 2=almost correct, 3=correct to some extent, 4=not correct)